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May's ticket to TV debate

LEADERS Green party Leader Elizabeth May is hailing people power after winning her battle to be included in the federal election leaders' debates. The TV network consortium that runs the election debates reversed course yesterday, announcing that May can participate in the Oct. 1 and 2 events. The consortium made the change after Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Jack Layton both backed down from their opposition to May's involvement.

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TIFF **Rachel's Lucky night**

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Canadian actress Rachel McAdams walks the red carpet at the opening of her film The Lucky Ones during the Toronto International Film Festival yesterday. **More TIFF coverage, pg. 35-41**

We can't guarantee jobs: Harper

The competing economic messages to Ontario voters suddenly are pretty clear.

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"We can't guarantee your job," said Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, when asked about workers hit by Ford's announcement of another 500 job cuts at the Oakville assembly plant.

Callous or candid, it was a blunt assessment coming less than a week after Harper handed over $80 million in repayable loans to reopen Ford's engine plant in Windsor, money from a fund to invest in innovative fuel-efficient technologies.

> **"I'm asking Ontarians to put it directly to all their candidates: Are you prepared to stand up for your province?"**
> Dalton McGuinty

It stood in stark contrast to NDP Leader Jack Layton who, speaking in Oshawa, promised to cancel corporate tax cuts and use $8 billion to create 40,000 new manufacturing jobs.

"Corporations ... shouldn't be getting tax giveaways by the government to then throw you out of work," Layton told a rally.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, who is to deliver a major economic speech in New Brunswick today, said in Walkerton, Ont., that government must make "targeted investments."

Asked about the sputtering economy, Dion told reporters he would spend $1 billion of the revenue generated by a carbon tax to promote innovative, energy-efficient manufacturing. Dion favours tax incentives to help companies buy new "greener" machinery and equipment.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty urged Ontario voters to pressure the federal politicians to give the province its fair share of money from federal pots dedicated to employment insurance, health care or regional economic development assistance.

"I'm asking Ontarians to put it directly to all their candidates: Are you prepared to stand up for your province?" McGuinty said.

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Police identify body dumped on Hwy. 401

While detectives continued hunting those responsible, police released the name of the man whose bullet-riddled body was dumped on the 401 from a Lexus on Tuesday afternoon.

Dayne Rose, 29, was shot several times in the chest before his body was ejected from the speeding car in mid-lane on one of Canada's busiest highways.

The horrific crime and 401 rush-hour paralysis prompted Premier Dalton McGuinty to renew his government's call — in line with Toronto Mayor David Miller — for a national ban on handguns.

"Handguns are the weapon of choice for the criminal element, they're convenient, they're easy to hide, they're easy to use and there's an opportunity for us to do something about that," the premier told reporters.

A day after the 401 drama, numerous witnesses came forward yesterday both to police and media, with varying versions of the bizarre episode continuing to circulate.

Police were able to trace the Lexus to a home in Mississauga. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Driver of stolen vehicle faces additional bank heist charges
A Toronto man is facing additional charges after police realized the driver of a stolen Ford F-150 they arrested on Aug. 29 following a dramatic chase, was also wanted in connection with a Thornhill Royal Bank robbery earlier that day. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Costly recycling

It's costing municipal taxpayers more than $150 million to dispose of consumer packaging and printed paper in Ontario — and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario wants industries to cover the full cost. The cost of running the blue-box program is split 50-50 between municipalities and the industries whose products fill the bins. Industries give municipalities $78 million a year to cover their share.
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Cities voice demands

McGuinty, Miller hope to sway federal parties in vote

Premier Dalton McGuinty has backed Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion's demand that federal parties put the needs of cities first.

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"More than one-third of the House of Commons seats will come from the province of Ontario, so we have a pretty big say in who forms a government and who gets to be prime minister," McGuinty said.

While McCallion's call focused on infrastructure needs, McGuinty is more concerned about programs such as employment insurance.

> **"More than one-third of the House of Commons seats will come from the province of Ontario."** Dalton McGuinty

Mayor David Miller promised that mayors will make their voices heard. "You'll be hearing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and mayors across the country," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woman, 54, sues 30 years later

LAWSUIT A 54-year-old woman says her life was ruined by an on-duty Toronto police constable's attempt to have sex with her in a car 30 years ago.

It's for that reason, the woman told court this week, that she's suing John David Sproule. He quit the force and became a pipefitter in Northern Ontario after pleading guilty to indecent assault in 1979. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

LAND The City of Brampton is buying about 40 hectares of land in northeast Brampton from a major developer that was slated for the development of 300 homes.
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Cherry Beach **Last days of summer**

AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

George Bell, left, and Hal Rees make the most of the day at Cherry Beach in Toronto yesterday. Just in time, too, as showers are predicted for the weekend. With the last days of summer hinting at crisp weather to come, friends enjoy the beach while they can.

Landed immigrants seek vote

RIGHTS About 263,000 Toronto residents are shut out from the municipal elections every four years, an issue that the newly launched I Vote Toronto campaign is trying to address in the 2010 local election — by extending voting rights to landed immigrants who live in the city but are not yet citizens.

The campaign was launched by the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office, located in a community where 90 per cent of residents are foreign-born, to lobby the provincial government to amend the Municipal Election Act to extend the franchise to all Toronto permanent residents.

The campaign has the blessing of Mayor David Miller and Beaches Coun. Janet Davis. "Toronto receives 55,000 newcomers per year. We are a city of immigrants. Our success will depend on how successful our immigrants are," Davis said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Charges pending in cyclist's death

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Court date set over sex charges

CRIME A man charged with forcible confinement, sexual assault, anal intercourse and extortion is scheduled to appear in a Toronto courtroom in October. Robert Meinzer, 38, was arrested in August following an investigation. Police believe there may be other victims.

Meinzer's lawyer appeared on his behalf at Old City Hall court yesterday.

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Raw milk trial begins

Dairy farmer Michael Schmidt was in a Newmarket court yesterday to fight contempt of court charges for allegedly distributing unpasteurized milk in the region of York.

The region maintains Schmidt, who operates an organic farm in Durham, Ont., is in contempt because he has failed to obey orders to stop distributing raw milk within its borders.

Dan Kuzmyk, the lawyer for the municipality, said in his opening statement yesterday that it has become clear Schmidt will not comply.

Schmidt, who is representing himself at trial, could face jail time.

More than 50 of Schmidt's supporters were at the courthouse yesterday to back the dairy farmer.

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Food debate brewing

- The trial, expected to last three days, stirs up the heated debate over raw milk, which health authorities consider to be a health hazard.
- Proponents of raw milk claim it provides health benefits and aids digestion, and they have the right to consume whatever food they want.

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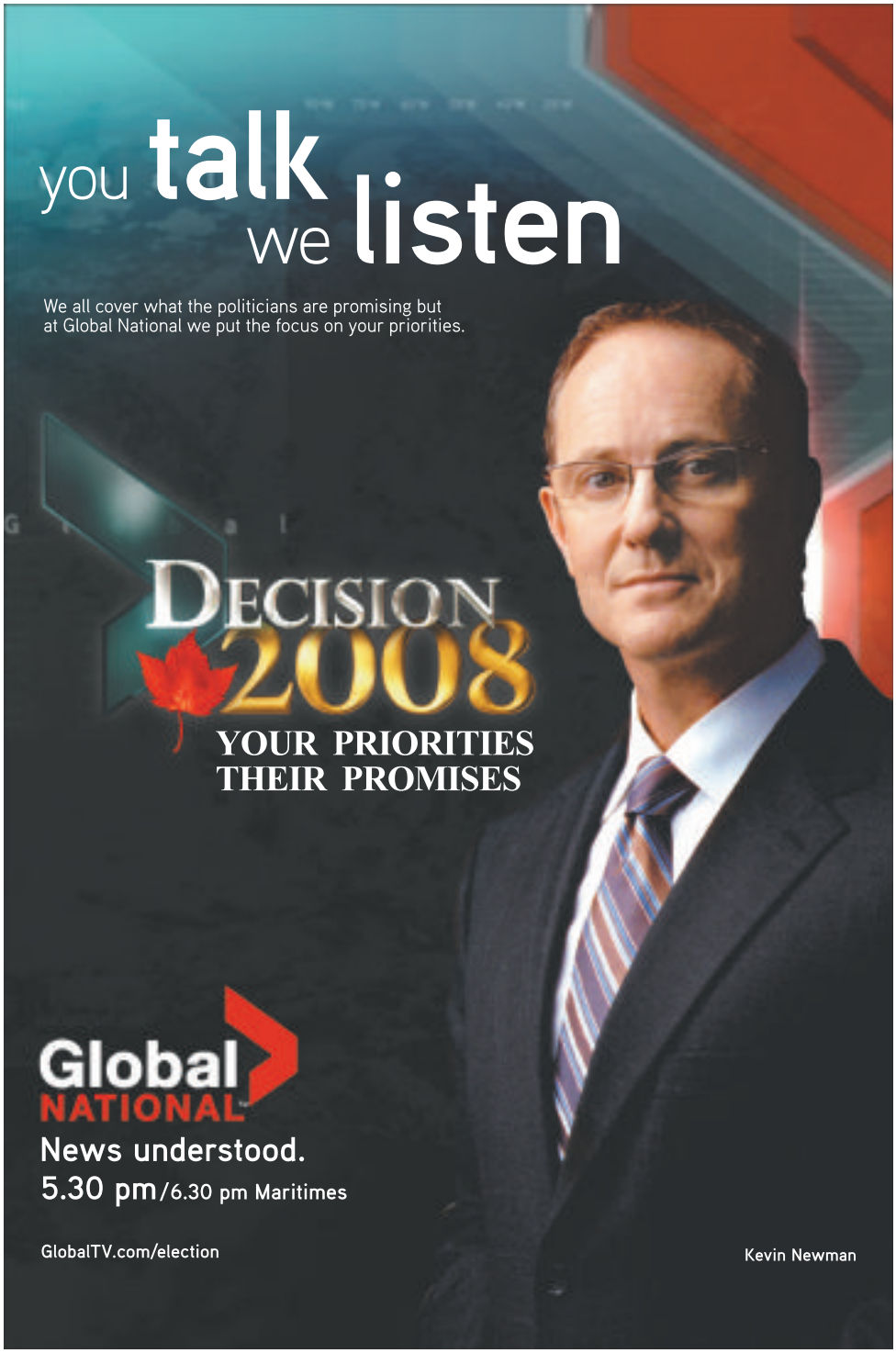
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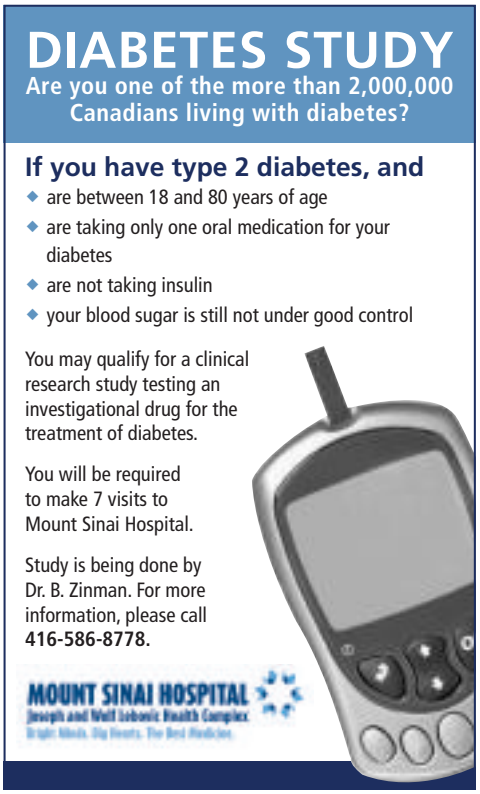
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PanAm way to Olympics: Peterson

Former Ontario premier David Peterson, left, was officially named to lead southern Ontario's bid for the 2015 Pan American Games yesterday and said that winning the right to hold the event could lead to another shot at hosting the Olympics. "It paves the way for future governments and future leadership to bid for Olympics if they decide to do it in future," said Peterson, after Premier Dalton McGuinty chose him as the Ontario bid's chairman. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Road to safer streets

Minister urges crackdown on banned drivers

Courts need to crack down harder on dangerous drivers caught behind the wheel when their licences are suspended, says Ontario Transportation Minister Jim Bradley.

And ordinary citizens can play an important role in curbing the problem by calling authorities when they know a suspended driver is taking to the streets, he added.

The comments came in the wake of a story in the Toronto Star detailing how suspended drivers caused more than 1,300 collisions in the province in 2006 — and told of a Toronto woman, Gloria O'Neill, a repeat offender who hit a pedestrian and dragged him to his death.

"You just cringe when you hear any of these folks driving when they shouldn't."
Transportation Minister Jim Bradley

"You just cringe when you hear of any of these folks driving when they shouldn't," said Bradley, noting Ontario has the highest fine in Canada — $50,000 — for this offence. "One would expect the courts to come down very hard."

In O'Neill's case, she was banned from driving for 10 years but was recently witnessed by two journalists from The Record of Waterloo Region behind the wheel of a Lincoln Continental registered to her husband.

Bradley noted it's a "major challenge" for police to stake out every single suspended driver, but it does happen on occasion.

Provincial police caught more than 5,800 banned drivers last year, but many get away. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tory holds 'bitch' time behind closed doors

Embattled Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory huddled behind closed doors with antsy caucus colleagues yesterday explaining his inability to find a seat in the Legislature.

Sources say Tory was uncharacteristically mistrustful — MPPs were ordered to turn off BlackBerrys and warned not to speak to reporters outside — during the two-hour "bitch session."

He also accused the Tories who recently complained to the Toronto Star about his political limbo of "being two-faced and putting personal ambition ahead of party."

Worse, for those hoping to end the uncertainty that has gripped the party since losing the Oct. 10, 2007 vote, Tory acknowledged he still hasn't convinced a caucus member to relinquish their seat so he can contest a byelection.

Speaking to reporters, the leader insisted he was "not disappointed" none of the party's 26 MPPs has yet agreed to step aside for him. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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FUGITIVES Two more of the six prisoners who broke out of a Saskatchewan jail were back in custody yesterday, but a pair of fellow inmates considered dangerous and possibly armed were still at large.

AID Canada has committed to sending an additional $5 million worth of humanitarian aid to Haiti, where hundreds have been killed and thousands left homeless from flooding created by a series of powerful tropical storms.

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Knee surgery offers little help, study says

An operation that has been performed hundreds of thousands of times on arthritic knees around the world provides no more relief than common drug and physical therapies, a new study out of the University of Western Ontario says.

The paper, published today in The New England Journal of Medicine, will likely curtail the common practice of using arthroscopic surgery to relieve arthritic pain in that joint, researchers say.

"The trial really compared medical therapy alone with medical therapy plus surgery and found no difference," says Dr. Brian Feagan, head of clinical trials at Western's Robarts Research Institute. "This will change practice."

In the case of arthritis, surgeons had long believed that using arthroscopy to rinse out inflammatory fluids and smooth out cartridge tissue would ease joint pain. The procedure is preformed about 3,000 times a year in Ontario alone. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Procedure

- Arthroscopic surgery uses a tube, equipped with a tiny camera on the end, which is inserted into a joint through a small incision. Doctors use images piped up through a tube to a video screen to examine or repair joint damage, inserting surgical instruments through another small incision.

CFB Trenton **Daughter's loss**

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Sgt. Scott Shipway's four-year-old daughter Rowan looks at the hearse containing Sgt. Shipway's casket during a repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton yesterday.

Prosecution rests in terror trial

KHAWAJA The prosecution says Momin Khawaja's main focus was a fertilizer bomb plot in Britain, not some other scheme for waging jihad.

In closing arguments at Khawaja's terrorism trial yesterday, Crown attorney David McKercher said the Ottawa software developer was intent on helping co-conspirators in London four years ago. "Much of the evidence in this case is direct and compelling," McKercher said.

Defence lawyer Lawrence Greenspon is slated to deliver his final address tomorrow, with the trial expected to conclude no later than early next week.

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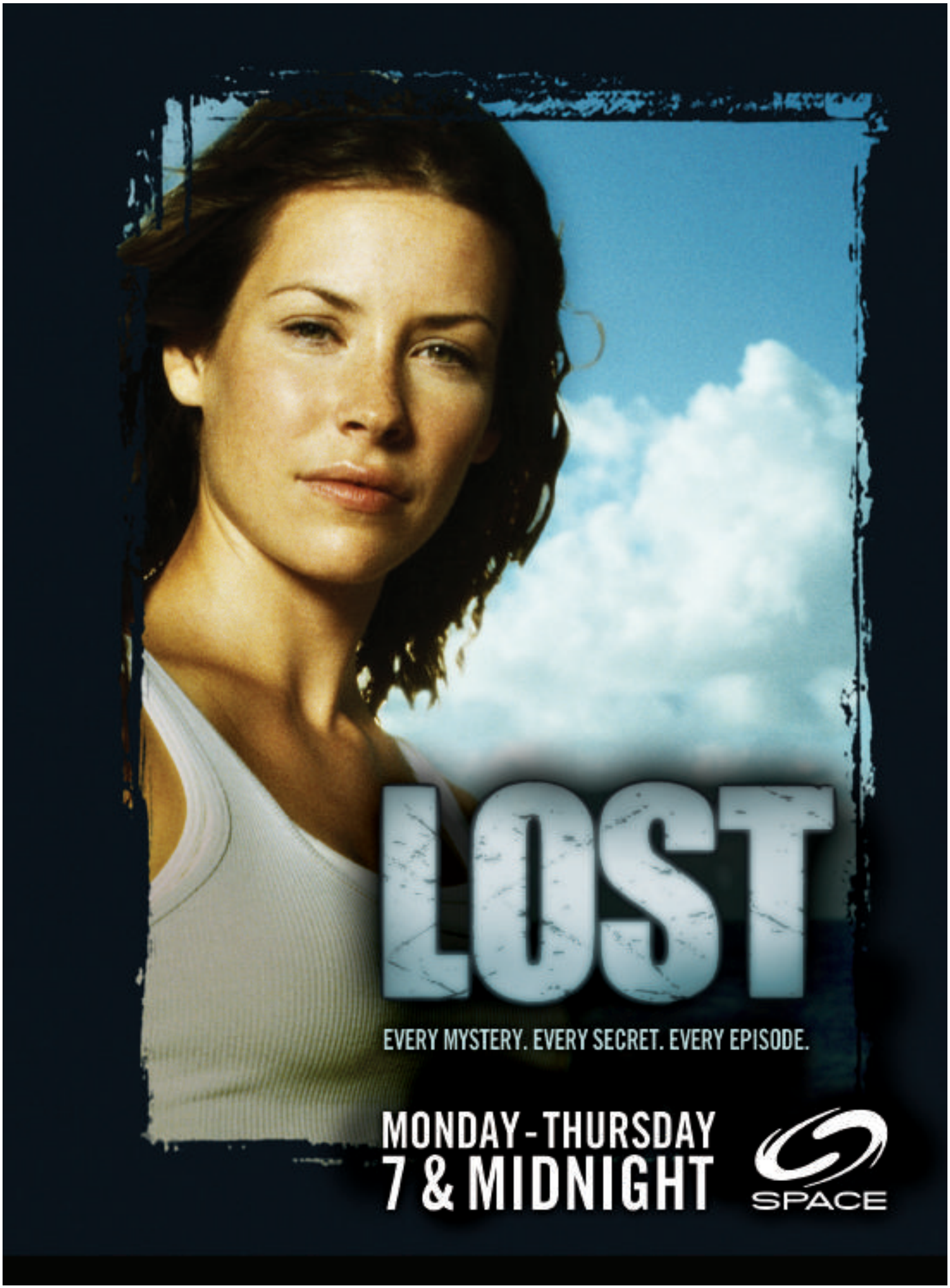
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Harper sets deadline

Afghan withdrawal in 2011

Canada will withdraw its troops from Afghanistan — not just Kandahar — by 2011, even though it's likely the deadly insurgency will still be raging, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says.

Harper yesterday went beyond the resolution that Parliament approved just this spring that called for Canada's 2,500 troops to be out of Kandahar in three years and instead predicted most troops would be out of the country by the deadline.

"At that point, the mission as we've known it, we intend to end it. I think you have to put an end date on these things," he told reporters yesterday.

By that time, Canadians and even the Armed Forces will have lost their appetite for the dangerous mission that has so far claimed the lives of 97 soldiers and diplomat Glyn Berry, he said.

"I really don't think there'll be much appetite among Canadians and I don't even think among the Armed Forces themselves — although they probably wouldn't say so — (there's) much appetite to see rotations continuing the way they've been after six years," he said.

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Stephen Harper

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NDP Leader Jack Layton pauses for a photo with Steve Conway and his son, Jack, yesterday during a campaign stop in Oshawa.

Layton pledges $8.2B for 'green-collar' jobs

NDP Leader Jack Layton moved to bolster his green credentials yesterday with an $8-billion environmental promise.

Layton pledged that a New Democrat government would spend $8.2 billion over four years to foster "green-collar" manufacturing jobs and keep work from shifting abroad.

In order to pay for it, the NDP would reverse more than $20 billion in corporate tax breaks introduced since 2005 by both the Tories and the Liberals.

Layton made the announcement outside General Motors headquarters in Oshawa, long considered the cradle of Canada's hard-hit auto sector.

Almost half of the $8.2 billion would go toward helping the auto industry design and produce environmentally-friendly cars and trucks, Layton said.

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Liberals

Food safety high on Dion's menu

DANGERS Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion took his campaign tour to the site of a deadly water contamination yesterday in a bid to highlight the dangers of government deregulation and cutbacks.

Dion told an audience of Walkerton high school students — the vast majority of whom won't be old enough to vote on Oct. 14 — that a Liberal government would spend an additional $50 million to buttress Canada's food safety net.

"There is nothing more at the core of what a government should do than food safety — to be sure the water you drink, the food you eat, is safe," Dion told the students. The Liberal pledge, he said, would add 100 additional federal food inspectors, an 8 per cent increase.

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Klein predicts Tory majority
Former Alberta premier Ralph Klein says he expects Stephen Harper's Conservatives will win a majority government in the Oct. 14 federal election. Klein conceded he is biased in favour of the federal Tories, but said he sees Harper making crucial gains among Quebec voters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Election 2008

Photo op

Moms feel they were misled

PROP An Ottawa children's shop owner says she feels duped after she and several other moms expecting a major announcement on child care wound up as props in a Tory campaign photo.

Krista Thompson says she was contacted by an organizer in Conservative MP Royal Galipeau's office who was seeking a place where moms and tots congregate.

The Conservatives told her they were looking for a place where Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Rona Ambrose could reveal new day-care details, says Thompson.

"But we're not partisan," Thompson said yesterday. "The truth of the matter is we agreed to do it because they said they were making a big announcement about child care. And what became evident by the end of the day was there was no announcement.

"I'm feeling incredibly naive in this whole thing."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Both barrels blazing

N.L. Premier Danny Williams calls Stephen Harper a 'fraud'

Premier Danny Williams levelled his most blistering attack yet against the prime minister, telling a business audience yesterday that a Stephen Harper-led majority government would mark one of the darkest eras in Canadian history.

Williams escalated his public feud with Harper in the nascent stages of the federal election campaign, warning voters the Tories would stoop to any depths to implement their hidden "right-wing, Conservative-Reform party" agenda.

"The only reason we haven't seen his full plan for Canada implemented is because he had a minority government to keep him in check," Williams said in an address to the St. John's Board of Trade.

"I can only say this, and I say it with all sincerity and genuine concern for our great country: a majority government for Stephen Harper would be one of the most negative political events in Canadian history."

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Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams speaks yesterday in St. John's.

Williams has crossed swords with Harper for two years over the equalization program. But yesterday the Conservative premier — he emphasizes he is of a different Tory breed than the federal Conservatives — unleashed a torrent of new criticism against Harper, who he called a "fraud."

"This is a federal government willing not only to break their own promises, but they go so far as to break their own laws and call an election even though they mandated fixed election dates," Williams said in a speech televised nationally.

"There is nothing Harper will not do in order to win a majority government. This, ladies and gentlemen, is a party who purportedly offered a terminally ill MP a life insurance policy to get his vote," he continued, referring to the so-called Chuck Cadman affair.

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Promises

- Some promises so far in the federal election campaign:

CONSERVATIVES
- Two cent per litre cut in taxes on diesel and aviation fuel over four years; projected to cost $600 million per year when fully implemented.

GREEN PARTY
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LIBERALS
- A "Green Shift" carbon tax on fossil fuels to cut emissions, offset by income and business tax cuts, green energy and conservation investments.
- Add $350 a year to the Harper government's $1,200-a-year child-care allowance. Low income families would also receive another payment of up to $1,225 a year.

NEW DEMOCRATS
- $8.2 billion over four years to encourage "green-collar" manufacturing jobs.
- A moratorium on expansion of Alberta's tarsands and requiring oil companies to reclaim land strip mined for petroleum production.

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British prosecutors to seek retrial for seven accused in airliner plot

British prosecutors said yesterday they would seek the retrial of seven men accused of plotting to down transatlantic airliners with liquid bombs after a London jury was unable to reach a decision on the most serious charges connected to the alleged plot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

U.S. unveils auto database

The U.S. government has unveiled a new public database that will allow consumers to look up the number of reported deaths, injuries and cases of property damage involving passenger vehicles. The information has been gathered under legislation passed by Congress following the massive recall of Firestone tires in 2000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Test of atom smasher a success

The world's largest atom smasher passed its first test yesterday as scientists said their powerful tool is almost ready to reveal how the tiniest particles were first created after the "big bang," which many theorize was the massive explosion that formed the universe.

After a few trial runs, scientists at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, fired a beam of protons clockwise around the 27-kilometre tunnel of the collider deep under the rolling fields along the Swiss-French border. Then they succeeded in sending another beam in the opposite, counterclockwise direction.

The physicists celebrated when the white dots flashed on the blue screens of the control room, showing a successful crossing of the finish line on the $10-billion machine under planning since 1984.

The CERN experiments could reveal more about dark matter and antimatter and also find evidence of a hypothetical particle — the Higgs boson — which is sometimes called the "God particle" because it is believed to give mass to all other particles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hurricane Ike gains strength over Gulf, aims for Texas

WEATHER Hurricane Ike grew stronger as it moved through the warm, energizing waters of the Gulf of Mexico yesterday toward the Texas coast after ripping through Cuba's tobacco country and toppling aging buildings in Havana.

Forecasters said the Category 1 storm could grow into a major Category 3 storm before slamming into Texas or northern Mexico on Saturday.

Ike has already killed at least 80 people in the Caribbean, and Texas put National Guard members on standby and urged residents to stock up on supplies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Quake jolts Iran, Persian Gulf

MIDDLE EAST A strong earthquake rocked southern Iran yesterday, sending tremors across the Persian Gulf.

State television reported three people were killed and 22 injured.

The country's seismological centre said the quake struck at 3:15 p.m., with the epicentre 1,350 kilometres south of the capital Tehran, in the region of Bandar Abbas.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimated the quake's strength at magnitude 6.1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

KIM JONG IL South Korea says North Korean leader Kim Jong Il appears to be recovering from a stroke but is not believed to be gravely ill. Speculation has intensified that Kim may have taken ill after he missed a parade Tuesday commemorating the communist state's founding 60 years ago.

ITALY An Italian newspaper says a 50-year-old woman was briefly awoken from an induced coma to get married to her longtime partner after being diagnosed in July with a terminal strain of hepatitis. She was brought to consciousness for a few minutes — long enough to say "yes" — before she slipped back into the coma. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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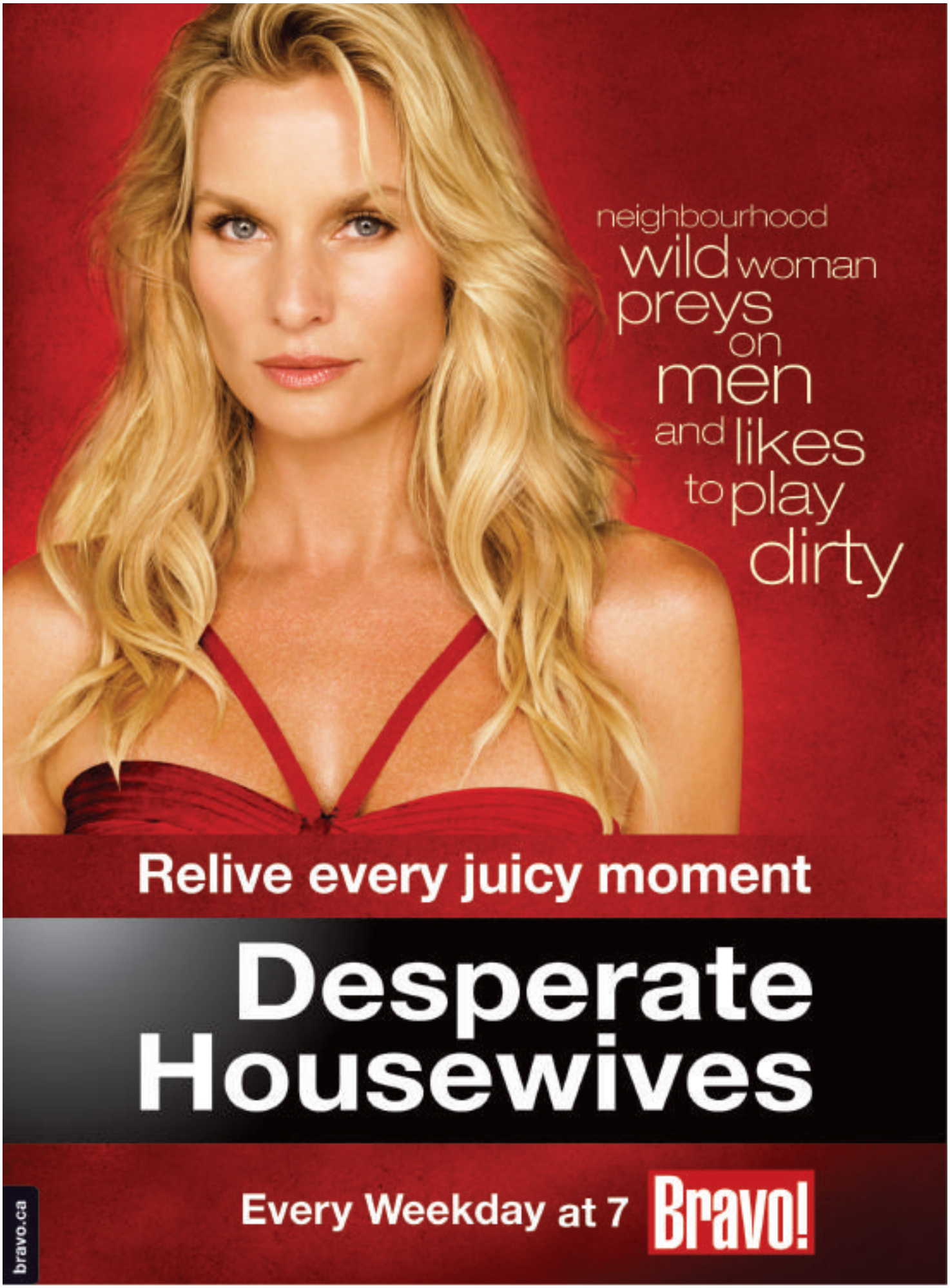
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Lipstick comment lands Obama in hot water

Dogs with lipstick, a-OK. But pigs with lipstick?

That colloquialism used by Barack Obama on a campaign stop landed the Democratic presidential hopeful in hot water yesterday as the American election campaign seemed fixated on defending the honour of women.

A few days after Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin referred to herself as a "pitbull with lipstick," Obama criticized John McCain's economic policies as being just like those of President George W. Bush.

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Barack Obama

"You can put lipstick on a pig ... it's still a pig. You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called change. It's still going to stink after eight years," Obama said Tuesday.

The Republicans seized upon the remarks, accusing Obama of making a sly reference to Palin and thereby calling her a pig.

The McCain campaign demanded an apology — even though McCain himself used the metaphor a few times last year, including when he described Democrat Hillary Clinton's health-care plan.

Obama reacted with indignation and disbelief, calling it "the latest made-up controversy by the John McCain campaign."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

British PM hails Obama

POLITICS Britain's Gordon Brown praised Senator Barack Obama in a commentary published yesterday, seemingly breaching protocols that prevent world leaders from endorsing candidates in foreign elections.

Brown hailed Obama's proposals for a mortgage foreclosure prevention fund and said he believed the Democratic Party is the organization offering policies to help people through the current economic woes.

Brown's Labour Party is traditionally allied to Obama's Democrats.

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News in brief

POLITICS Former Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul said at a news conference yesterday that he has rejected an appeal from Senator John McCain's campaign for his endorsement. In Paul's words, "the idea was that he (McCain) would do less harm than the other candidate."

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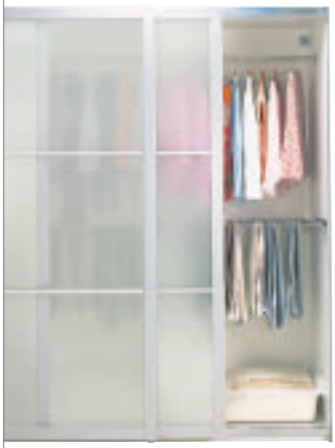

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More Ford cuts

500 Oakville jobs go as third shift dropped

Ford is cutting another 500 jobs at its Oakville assembly plant but wants to avoid layoffs by offering lucrative early retirement packages to employees.

The jobs are in the plant's paint and body shops, which were part of a proposed third shift that has fizzled because of a continuing decline in the U.S. market. Ford delayed implementing the shift in July and cancelled the idea last month.

The Canadian Auto Workers negotiated a deal with the company that will offer up to $90,000 to senior employees plus a $35,000 voucher for a new Ford vehicle to encourage them to retire.

If the retirement incentive does not attract enough interest to prevent layoffs, Ford will offer a special buyout of up to $100,000 for other workers, CAW officials said.

Ford stopped orientation for about 350 new workers in the final assembly section of the plant in July. They lost their jobs but the company kept 190 other new workers who had just transferred from Ford's engine operations in Windsor. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford's offer

- Production workers with 30 years service would receive $75,000 and tradespeople $90,000 plus the vehicle vouchers. Employees 55 or older with 10 years would receive the same offer.
- Under the buyout program, workers with five to eight years service receive $75,000 while those with more seniority get $100,000.

New look

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The BlackBerry Pearl Flip.

BlackBerry unveils its first flip phone

LOOK The BlackBerry is getting a new look as a flip phone, a design that its maker Research In Motion hopes will appeal to the North American consumer market, which seems to prefer the shape.

The Pearl Flip deviates from the familiar rectangle shape but has the familiar BlackBerry function of secure push e-mail. It can be used to make calls, browse the Internet, take a picture, watch a video or listen to music. It's also Wi-Fi enabled and has all functions of a smartphone.

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CENTRE Microsoft Corp. opened its first Canadian development centre in Richmond, B.C., yesterday, adding 300 jobs. The centre will have software developers working on more than half of Microsoft's products, including Windows operating system, Office productivity software, the Zune Media Player, Windows Mobile and the Xbox 360 gaming console.

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New York Yankees catcher Ivan Rodriguez and Los Angeles Angels outfielder Torii Hunter were suspended two games each yesterday for their roles in a bench-clearing scuffle on Monday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Angels clinch AL West

The Los Angeles Angels became the first team in the majors to clinch a playoff spot this season, winning their fourth AL West title in five years yesterday. Francisco Rodriguez, left, closed out the Angels' 4-2 victory over the New York Yankees. Second-place Texas lost to Seattle 8-7 about an hour later, clinching the division for L.A. The Associated Press

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Junior league stops short of fighting ban

QMJHL to come down hard on violence

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Fights are still alright in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League — just make sure your opponent fights back.

Commissioner Gilles Courteau announced yesterday numerous rule changes and heavier suspensions to cut down on gratuitous violence in the Q, but, as expected, left penalties untouched for fights between two willing combatants.

The changes will punish players who outright attack other players, as the league can now apply automatic 15-game suspensions to those who are assessed aggressor penalties.

Courteau said aggressors are given to players who "chase someone or fight someone who doesn't want to fight."

"We want to change the culture of our game and we've put (in place) severe sanctions that are dissuasive to acts of gratuitous violence," Courteau said. "We don't want to see any more bad situations happen in the game of hockey."

The rule changes were made in part after an incident last season involving Jonathan Roy, the son of Hockey Hall of Famer Patrick Roy. The Quebec Remparts goaltender is charged with assault after Chicoutimi Sagueneens puck-stopper Bobby Nadeau was attacked in his crease during a March playoff game.

Roy did not receive an automatic suspension for the incident, but he was handed a seven-game ban upon review.

What's changed?

Highlights from the QMJHL's rule changes for 2008-09, announced yesterday.

- Fights between two willing combatants will be penalized the same as always: With two five-minute majors.
- Players assessed aggressor penalties — handed out for attacking an unwilling combatant — can be slapped with automatic 15-game suspensions, if the attack is deemed severe.
- Players who initiate fights during pre-game warm-ups will receive automatic 10-game suspensions.
- A goaltender who receives an aggressor penalty in a fight with another goaltender receives an automatic 10-game suspension.
- Head coaches who are ejected from games will face a disciplinary review, fines and suspensions.

So close Blue Jays winning streak snapped at 10

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White Sox designated hitter Jim Thome launches an RBI single scoring DeWayne Wise during the first inning last night against the Blue Jays in Chicago. The Jays rallied with three runs in the ninth but lost 6-5 to see their winning streak end at 10 games.

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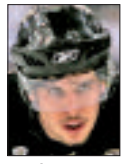

Crosby

Crosby, coach Michel Therrien and eight other players hand carried season tickets to 35 randomly selected Penguins ticket holders yesterday.

Crosby, wearing a Penguins jersey and blue jeans, took tickets to Mount Lebanon resident David Disney, a season ticket holder since the Penguins' inception in 1967, and Karen and Guy Bradford of the Edgewood section of Pittsburgh.

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Paralympics

Swimmer Valerie Grand'Maison, left, picked up her third gold medal of the Paralympic Games yesterday by breaking her own world record in the women's 100-metre freestyle for the visually impaired. Grand'Maison finished first in 58.87 seconds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Landis planning comeback in 2009

CYCLING Floyd Landis is preparing his own comeback.

The American who won the 2006 Tour de France but then had his title stripped for a positive doping test is looking to return to a team run by Momentum Sports Group.

Seven-time Tour winner Lance Armstrong announced Tuesday that he plans to compete in the 2009 race.

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Buttle decides to go out on top

Reigning world figure skating champion announces shock retirement

Jeffrey Buttle took a look from atop the figure skating world and liked what he saw.

So much so, in fact, that the 26-year-old reigning world champion used it as the principal factor in his decision to retire from amateur competition yesterday, 18 months from the Vancouver Olympics.

"That (Vancouver) was part of the battle that was going on in my mind," Buttle, the native of Smooth Rock Falls, Ont., said in announcing he was moving on from amateur competition, but remaining in some capacity with Skate Canada when the Olympics come to Canadian soil in 2010.

Buttle

"The only thing stopping me (from retiring) was Vancouver, and that's why I gave myself the buffer of this summer (to make the decision), and I came to the conclusion that Vancouver shouldn't be the motivating factor, that I should be true to myself."

Buttle, who won the bronze medal in the 2006 Olympics, actually arrived at the difficult decision after his momentous vault to the top of the world with championship skates at the world championships last March.

After heart to heart talks with Brian Orser, Kurt Browning, Jennifer Robinson, and others, as well as his family, Buttle said he'd made up his mind.

He wanted, however, to allow the summer to pass to be completely sure of his decision.

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Young seems fine amid retirement talk

NFL If Vince Young isn't sure he wants to play football anymore, he didn't show it yesterday.

He reported to work, watched part of practice with a wrap around his sprained left knee and avoided reporters wanting to talk about his mother's comments indicating he doesn't want to play because of the negativity he's faced since being booed heavily during a 17-10 win over Jacksonville.

Young

His coach and teammates are sticking with their quarterback and the official story that whatever happened that prompted coach Jeff Fisher to alert police to help locate Young and check on his emotional well-being was just a misunderstanding. And that it was blown out of proportion by the media.

And no, Young doesn't have to prove his commitment to either Fisher or his teammates.

"He led us to the playoffs last year. We just want him to get healthy and back on the field," Fisher said.

Centre Kevin Mawae called Young still a leader whose teammates trust and believe in him.

"Anything that happens outside the locker room will be outside the realm of football, that's something that's between him and his family and whoever's handling that with him," Mawae said.

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	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	86	57	.601	—
w-Boston	85	59	.590	1½
TORONTO	**78**	**67**	**.538**	**9**
N.Y. Yankees	77	69	.527	10½
Baltimore	64	80	.444	22½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	81	64	.559	—
Minnesota	79	65	.549	1½
Cleveland	71	73	.493	9½
Detroit	70	76	.479	11½
Kansas City	61	82	.427	19

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
x-L.A. Angels	88	57	.607	—
Texas	71	75	.486	17½
Oakland	67	78	.462	21
Seattle	57	87	.396	30½

NATIONAL LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	81	63	.563	—
Philadelphia	79	67	.541	3
Florida	74	72	.507	8
Atlanta	63	82	.434	18½
Washington	56	89	.386	25½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	86	58	.597	—
w-Milwaukee	83	63	.568	4
St. Louis	78	66	.542	8
Houston	78	67	.538	8½
Cincinnati	66	80	.452	21
Pittsburgh	60	84	.417	26

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Dodgers	74	71	.510	—
Arizona	71	74	.490	3
Colorado	67	78	.462	7
San Francisco	65	80	.448	9
San Diego	56	89	.386	18

(w — teams currently holding wild-card spots; x — clinched division title)

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San Francisco 4 Arizona 3
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Washington at N.Y. Mets
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Chicago Cubs at St. Louis
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:05
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:10
Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:05
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15
San Francisco at San Diego, 10:05

AL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
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Bradley Tex	379	74	124	.327
Mauer Min	466	87	151	.324
Ordonez Det	498	66	160	.321
Kinsler Tex	518	102	165	.319
Youkilis Bos	486	84	153	.315
Huff Bal	536	92	169	.315
Morneau Min	546	89	170	.311
Rodriguez NYY	464	99	144	.310
Suzuki Sea	603	90	186	.308

NL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
Pujols StL	466	89	168	.361
Jones Atl	412	73	148	.359
Berkman Hou	504	109	167	.331
Holliday Col	497	100	162	.326
Lee Hou	436	61	137	.314
Winn SF	523	79	163	.312
Theriot ChiC	528	78	164	.311
Guzman Wash	530	72	165	.311
Molina StL	439	37	135	.308

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	7	3	0	14
TORONTO	**4**	**6**	**0**	**8**
Winnipeg	2	8	0	4
Hamilton	2	8	0	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Saskatchewan	8	2	0	16
Edmonton	6	4	0	12
Calgary	6	4	0	12
B.C.	5	5	0	10

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Portugal knocked off

Denmark earns upset in World Cup qualifier

Denmark scored two goals in the final minutes to come back and beat Portugal 3-2, Germany salvaged a 3-3 draw at Finland, and both England and France produced victories to relieve the pressure on their coaches yesterday in World Cup qualifying.

Daniel Jensen headed in the winning goal in injury time to cap a late comeback for the Danes, who trailed 2-1 in the 86th minute. Finland led three times against Germany, but the three-time World Cup champions got three goals from Miroslav Klose to secure the draw.

England teenager Theo Walcott also scored three goals in a 4-1 win over Croatia that came only four days after the team struggled to beat Andorra. France's humiliating loss at Austria on Saturday put Raymond Domenech's future under scrutiny, but the World Cup runner-up overcame Serbia 2-1.

Miroslav Klose

World Cup champion Italy, which squeezed past Cyprus in its Group 8 opener, beat Georgia 2-0, and European champion Spain defeated Armenia 4-0.

Nani gave Portugal the lead in the 42nd minute in Lisbon, but Nicklas Bendtner equalized for Denmark in the 84th minute. Deco restored the host team's lead two minutes later, but Christopher Poulsen scored in the 90th minute and Jensen added the other to complete the upset.

Also in Group 1, Albania beat Malta 3-0 and Sweden defeated Hungary 2-1.

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Oddball design, or decor's next wave?

Maison & Objet trade show is a window into the latest European innovations

It used to be that interior designers flocked to France mainly for ideas about tradition and tastefulness. The big finds in France were family heirlooms or dusty flea market treasures, while Scandinavia or Italy offered up most of the interesting new ideas.

Now, though, the French are mixing trends in with tradition. Think wacky wall stickers paired with crystal chandeliers, or a few modern fire-engine red accessories to set off the vintage-style white of a Parisian apartment.

The Maison & Objet (House & Object) trade show outside Paris, which started last week, is a window into evolving French style, and also a place to track trends from across Europe. Here's a look at some attention-grabbing ideas spotted there:

Andrew Martin of Britain makes gigantic silvery foosball players to hang from your ceiling. They're playful, but their sleek design also makes them somehow Buddha-like and zen.

Below, Finnish designer Anne Kyyro Quinn twists, cuts and shapes creamy felted wool into textured wall coverings.

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Above, giant faux Legos from the French company LunaBlocks can be used to build cheery plastic shelves or tables.

Toys for grown-ups

Regression is a big theme: It's time to rediscover the toys of your childhood and nurture the three-year-old within. For urban hipsters, that means turning your living room into a romper room.

Take the giant faux-Legos from the French company LunaBlocks, used to build cheery plastic shelves or tables that can be rearranged according to your whims.

Another company, Andrew Martin of Britain, makes gigantic foosball players to hang from your ceiling. They're playful and also add bling, in shiny silvery metal.

Fake flowers

We know, we know: The mere mention of synthetic blossoms conjures up memories of your grandma's pink powder room. But this industry has made great strides, believe us.

You need to crinkle and rub the creations of Emilio Robba of Paris to figure out they're not real.

The company uses handworked cottons, silks and velvets for its giant works of art — a term we use in utter seriousness. "Ordinary plastic flowers are so assembly line and such an eyesore," says the company's decor adviser, Greg Augendre-Cambon.

Emilio Robba makes big-scale creations, like a giant wall of climbing plants. Another French company, Herve Gambs, offers more modest fare, like a charming faux branch of red berries.

Fake flowers' biggest enemy is dust — another unsavoury memory from those powder rooms. To combat it, spritz blossoms with one of those cans of compressed air used for cleaning computer keyboards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Below Living Coral cotton pouffe, from $100, Om Home; turquoise leather, $355, The Cross Decor & Design; cream leather, $225 US, John Derian Co.

Below Ebony wood lidded vessel, $89, L'Atelier. The Path acrylic-on-canvas by Lori Richards, $1,600, Canvas Gallery. Vases (from left): Helsinki stoneware in Cocoa, $135 US, Jonathan Adler; Asian porcelain, $350, Manor. Mandarin red lacquered-wood sideboard, $1,099, Crate & Barrel.

Left Pillow fabric (clockwise from top left; all prices are per yard): Museum of New Mexico's 25915-910 cotton blend, $128, Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; Schumacher's Tashkent velvet ikat cotton in Jewel 173552, $435, Bilbrough & Co.; Laura Lienhard Textiles' Trellis linen in Tuscan, $156, Y & Co; Lulu DK's Bloomsbury cotton/linen in Emerald, $158, Y & Co. Pillow sewing, The Sewing Studio by Gail Leger. Botero Stool, $2,815, Industrial Storm. Bench, $995, Decorum Decorative Finds. Moorish Tile Rug, $749 (8' x 10'), Pottery Barn. For more details, please see Where to Find It on p. 188 of the October issue of Style at Home magazine.

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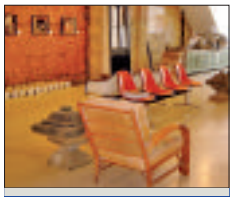
Guided tour

Rich details from a grande dame

HOME LIBRARY **Charlotte Moss: A Flair For Living by Charlotte Moss, $65, Assouline, hardcover, 175 pages.** In her sixth book, the American author and interior designer takes you on a tour of living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms, explaining what makes them work, why they feel special, and her own observations on design. This sumptuous coffee table contender is so chockablock with photos of Moss's rich, luxurious, beautifully detailed designs, you won't be able to put it down. — JENN HOULIHAN



Treasure trove

Go gallery-style shopping at Smash

SHOPPING ETC. Art, books, vintage industrial furniture and antiques are only a few of the surprising and pleasing juxtapositions you'll find at Smash, a new Junction-area shop from former Post + Beam Reclamation co-owner Paul Mercer. "It's a very too-cool-for-school place — like a salvage art gallery," says senior design editor Margot Austin. Smash, 2880 Dundas St. W., 416-762-3113; *smash.to*. — HELEN RACANELLI

High/low **Eco-friendly fireplaces**

Natural gas
Easy to light and extinguish with the push of a button, energy-efficient gas models add heat and light to a room; consisting of a firebox with faux logs and a glass shield, they're slightly more natural looking than electric models because they feature real flames. Plus, because gas burns cleanly, there's no need to sweep up soot! Majestic's Hi Style DVBR42 gas fireplace, from $2,100, National Home Comfort Centre, *national homecomfort.com*.

Ethanol gel
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Electric
A cinch to install because they don't require venting, electric fireplaces simply plug into an outlet. Electric models are heat efficient, but if your electricity source burns fossil fuels then they're not the greenest of options. Consider installing a solar panel for a more eco-friendly fireplace. Dimplex's DF305 Electric double-door insert with metal screen doors in black, $1,200, The Electric Fireplace Shop, *theelectricfireplaceshop.com*.

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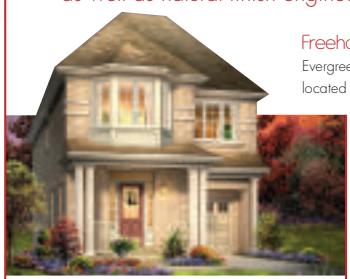

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Launched earlier this year, Liberty Market Lofts will offer phenomenal live/work opportunities in this popular locale, with ceiling heights in most suites rising to an incredible 17 feet. For a limited time only, each loft purchase will come fully loaded with $10,000 worth of Apple equipment, so residents can take full advantage of Apple's latest gear for home and office.

Liberty Market Lofts will rise to 13 storeys on the penthouse level, with fabulous city and/or lake views from all floors. Award-winning Rudy Wallman of Wallman Architects designed the building, which also includes a private landscaped courtyard.

Being situated next door to Liberty Market Building will provide residents with a great mix of over 50 different retail stores and restaurants right at their doorsteps. Restaurants currently include Atelier Thuet, led by renowned Chef Mark Thuet; The Brazen Head, Toronto's largest pub with three outdoor patio spaces; Merci Mon Ami; ORO Cucina; and a new high-end restaurant set to launch early next year. In addition, residents will be able to shop for furniture at stores such as Casalife Furniture and Haveli Home, get their hair styled at Salon Tocci, take

Latin and ballroom dance lessons at Danceology, or enjoy a massage, acupuncture treatment or therapeutic wrap at Balance Integrated Healthcare, all tenants of Liberty Market Building.

The spectacular amenity space in the building is by Kelly Cray of internationally acclaimed Chapman Design Group. This space includes a business centre with multiple meeting rooms that can be combined to create a large boardroom with video conference capabilities, plus wireless Internet access throughout the ground floor. Among the building amenities are executive concierge service, and in the reception area, an art gallery will feature rotating exhibitions throughout the year. Owners will also have exclusive use of the residents lounge with full kitchen, a tool room, pet spa/grooming facility, fitness centre with an indoor basketball half-court and yoga room, plus a laundry area that can handle oversized loads.

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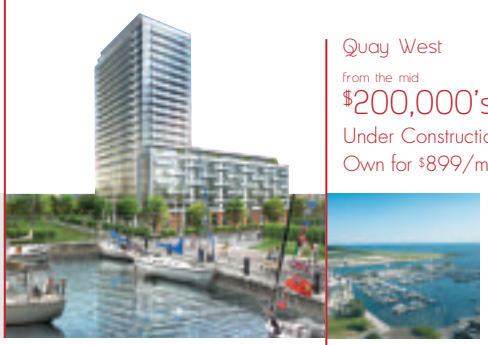

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Customize kids' homework space

ArrestingDesign

How do you improve your child's homework habits?

Why, pay close attention to the design of their homework space, of course. We're the first to admit that there may be other factors, but we (predictably) think that a well appointed homework space can help keep the school year on track.

What is important to consider above all else is — of course — your child. In what kind of environment are they likely to work best? Some children work well in a quiet place in their bedrooms; others are distracted by the stuff in their bedrooms and do better at the kitchen table or a place that is close to parental or adult supervision.

Your child may work best in a place that feels calming and soothing — hence a paint colour that is quiet and calming such as sage green, ivory, desert tan or a similar muted tone. Other children are energized by brighter colours, but just be sure the shade you pick is not too stimulating.

And do not underestimate the importance of working at a desk. Homework done while sprawled across the sofa is not usually as productive, no matter what your children may tell you. Make sure the desk is large enough to lay out projects, and make sure there are materials necessary for completing projects such as pencils, pens, coloured markers, and other items appropriate to the child's age. Also include a calendar to keep track of long term projects, and be prepared to discuss priorities and scheduling if your child has several work assignments to tackle.

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This is the type of homework setup that you want to avoid, according to our Arresting Design columnists. Kids need to have a chair that's the right height for work; too high or too low will result in lots of shifting and fidgeting.

Have your child keep the area organized and tidy, because nothing is as distracting as clutter. If you're using a common area such as the dining room table as the homework station, invest in a bin to hold your child's school supplies, and store it when homework is finished.

Your child may decorate his or her homework centre with pictures, paintings, postcards or inspirational posters — anything that will personalize the space and make it feel more welcoming. If it is a common space, include these on a cork memo board that you can also store away when homework is completed. Just don't go overboard with items that are much more interesting than the homework!

Lighting and ventilation are also important. You'll need bright task lighting aimed at the page on the table, and fresh air is imperative. If the child works at a kitchen table, ensure the chair is at the right height for work; too high or low will result in lots of shifting and fidgeting.

A few important hints about timing — establish a regular time to do homework. Especially for younger children, homework time should be before supper, before they get too tired, perhaps a half-hour after they arrive home from school and have a snack.

Homework success depends on many different factors, but the design of a homework space can work wonders! You want to create a feel-good environment that is well planned and stocked. It should provide the student with a calm and cheery place to work. Calming colours, inspirational or motivational messages, a firm routine, and a watchful parental or guardian eye will help immeasurably.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

Quiet time

- It's a good idea to ensure that siblings do their homework at the same time, creating a quiet and productive time for the whole family. And yes, that means that the television and electronic games are turned off!

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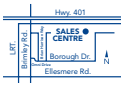

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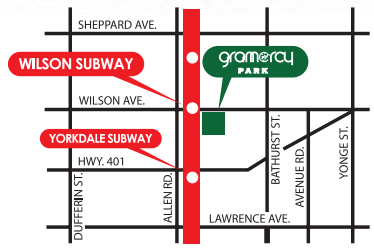

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Dealing with closing delays

Q I am the soon to be proud owner of a new home but the builder has delayed my closing a couple times. What recourse do I have?

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A In this day and age where new condos and homes are popping up everywhere to service our burgeoning population of new home purchasers, it is extremely common for there to be a delay in closing. There simply aren't enough skilled workers to service the construction industry. The laws in Ontario have long since recognized that delays are a part of the equation when it comes to building new homes while attempting to balance the interests of consumers who can wait two or more years for a new home.

As previously mentioned last week, Tarion is a regulator that provides compensation to buyers who are delayed beyond the statutory delay limit and who might need temporary accommodation or storage for their belongings while they wait for the delivery of their new home. Beyond this, a buyer can actually cancel a contract if the builder goes beyond the statutory limit and have their deposits returned to them. However, the catch-22 here is that the house or the condominium unit that they purchased and have waited for is probably worth substantially more than it was when purchased.

Of course, the builder doesn't have to pass this gain on to the buyer who decides not to purchase due to delay. Refer to tarion.com for a detailed outline of the allowable delays.

So often, buyers blame the builder and can become quite upset when delays occur. In their defence, it is in the builder's best interest to complete the construction on time because the sooner they close, the sooner they can obtain the closing funds, realize a profit and move onto their next project. Builders also do not want a claim made against them through Tarion, thereby blemishing their reputation.

More often than not, delays are beyond the control of the builders and buyers should be aware that it is one of the most common problems when purchasing a newly built home rather than an existing property.

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For students, organization is half the battle

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By now, the commotion of back-to-school time has hopefully calmed down a bit, and both students and parents are settling into familiar routines. And thank goodness for those routines, because having a system down pat can definitely reduce your stress levels.

If the school year hasn't gotten off to such a smooth start, there are a few things you can still do that will help get it back on track.

The first is unearthing any stashes of school-related supplies that may be lurking in drawers or cupboards around the house. Students are usually so excited to start their summer break that they don't take the time to sort out all their school stuff — and it ends up dumped in a closet or box somewhere. A few years of this, and you not only have a sizable accumulation of clutter, but you also end up spending money to duplicate (or triplicate) the same supplies that are already buried around your house.

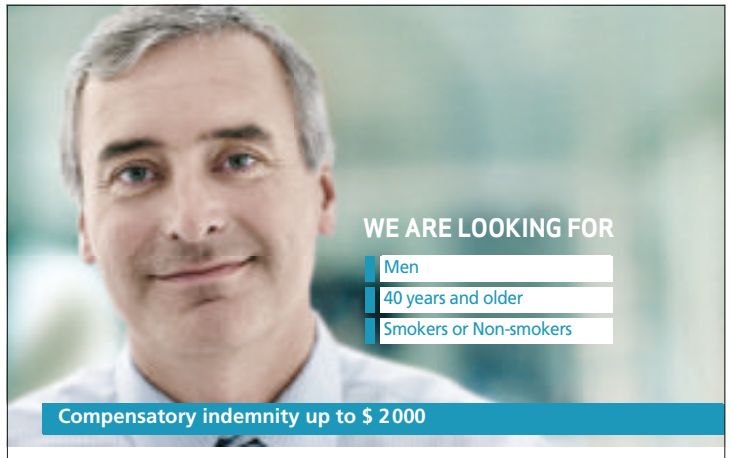
So before the pressure of homework, tests and projects hits full intensity, take a few minutes with your favourite little scholars to uncover any such stashes and sort out their contents. The next time the kids are wandering the house in search of markers, binder paper or the missing pieces of a geometry set, you'll know whether a shopping trip is actually required.

Similarly, if there are still any pieces of outgrown clothing populating your student's closet or bureau, they should be dispatched to your local Goodwill or another donation centre.

Brenda Borenstein is your professional organizing guru. Her column appears every second Thursday. Visit organizedzone.com.

Tips to keep the school year on the rails:

- Make multiple copies of class schedules: One for home, one for the locker and one for a binder.
- Have two full sets of supplies, one for home and one for school. Must haves include a hole puncher, eraser, pencil sharpener, notebook and pencil.
- Create a buddy system for homework, and mark contact information on each copy of the class schedule.
- Zone a space specifically for homework and ensure that it's conducive to studying.
- Manage and balance time — less on Facebook, surfing the web and chatting on the phone.
- Go to bed earlier and wake up earlier.
- Clean, defragment and debug computers for optimum use.
- Take time every evening to empty and organize school bags and papers for the next day.



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Translating real estate jargon

Real estate, much like any other professional field, tends to have a number of terms that can often be difficult to comprehend when you're not forced to deal with them on a daily basis. Here are a few of the more common ones that I've received inquiries about recently. Hopefully you'll feel just a little more comfortable with the tons of jargon out there.

Misrepresentation

This one can be tricky. It usually comes up when the buyer finds out what they thought was promised by the seller wasn't. I recently received an e-mail from a gentleman who was promised a tandem parking spot, but when the deal closed the space was a regular single.

Can anything be done? Well, depending on the wording in the contract and any amendments that were signed, recourse may or may not be sought. The point is that there was certainly misrepresentation during the listing period. However — and unfortunately for the buyer in this case — if an amendment was signed correcting the matter, albeit not to the understanding of the buyer, the misrepresentation did not technically carry over to the closing period.

Closing Costs

Those additional costs that accompany the purchase price of the property. For the seller these costs will include commissions and legal fees. For the buyer, in addition to legal fees, these costs will include property taxes. There are additional, more detailed costs but for general purposes the total closing costs can be considered at approximately 1.5 to 1.75 per cent of the purchase price.

Square Footage

Ever wonder why 2,500 square feet just doesn't seem as large as it used to? That's because square footage has recently begun to be measured much less precisely than it had in the past.

Whereas 20 years ago square footage took into account actual living space (i.e. not counting the space that walls took up), today square footages often are taken by a simple measurement of the length times the width of the "box". Of course only above-grade, indoor living space is accurately included.

Flipping

This most routinely refers to the act of purchasing a brand new development and then selling it off to a second buyer prior to your own closing. While the technicalities of this process deserve an entire article in itself, suffice it to say that even in today's correction market investors continue to keep their eyes peeled for that next "blue-chip" real estate flipper investment.

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However, as a potential flipper, it's important to understand all the expenses and costs associated with this practice. No investment is easy nor guaranteed.

With the upcoming release of Tridel's Hullmark Centre, for example, it's important that all investors understand the full details of the project and have realistic ideas of projections, as well as costs.

Legal Basement Apartments

Believe it or not, 4 out of 5 rented basement apartments in our city will not meet fire code standards for an actual dwelling. If you ever read or hear "no guarantee of retrofit status" they're essentially telling you that the legality of the basement apartment is not guaranteed. So what can the repercussions be? Let me put it this way. Brampton, arguably the ring leader when it comes to basement apartments, currently is somewhat safe from serious inquiry into the matter, simply because the number of rental units in the city are at a minimum. In other words, depending on the circumstances within the region, this type of dwelling may or may not be cause for immediate serious concern.

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Your home, your own

Contemporary minimalism versus traditional values: both of these hot directions are case specific and depend on project, home and client.

Bear in mind that real schemes should say more about their users and less about what happens to be featured in glossy magazines — just because something looks wicked in that stunningly gorgeous Elle Deco spread, it doesn't automatically mean it will work in a three bedroom suburban semi.

In short, it's always better to be inspired by favoured looks rather than try to recreate them to the letter.

Revitalize

Your abode should energize you, ensuring you feel rewarded for your daily efforts. Cue 'the spa at home'! Go on, indulge!

Invest in the ultimate bathroom and stock shelves with luxury potions, lotions and tinctures!

Reflect

It's time to fill your space with artifacts brought back from your travels and with items that tell a story. Good design, this coming season, is all about personalization!

Commune

Get back in touch with nature. Use organic products which are good for the environment. Look for things that your family can enjoy without stressing about your carbon footprint. Don't be afraid to recycle and reinvent!

Soak up inspiration from magazines and TV shows, but remember to add your own flair in every room in your house.

Structure

Love your walls and make the best of each room. Work designs around inherent architectural features and embrace the period of your building.

But remember to add lovely contrasting details to pull it all together. Just because the Victorians favoured confident tones such as bottle green and berry red, it doesn't mean you're duty bound to do the same in your Victorian home. Hey, it's time for design liberation!

Lighting is everything

As fall approaches, start to embrace that gorgeous seasonal light for which Canada is famous. Play with brightness and shade to get the most from space.

Shaping up

As far as shapes are concerned, we'll be seeing unexpected twists of traditional button-tufted upholstery, we'll be decorating with rich tapestry fabrics and we'll be using more and more traditional Canadiana such as Windsor chairs and real timber finishes. And we'll be adding sexy pops of colour with purples, cobalt blue and sour lime green. Gorgeous!

Squaring off

To keep space seasonally 'sound', we recommend using dressings with square cut lines and mathematical patterns softened by nature inspired motifs like falling leaves or floral shapes. Lattice and trellis patterns are huge news. Google retro designer David Hicks' wallpapers for fabulous fall prints!

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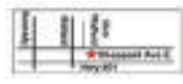

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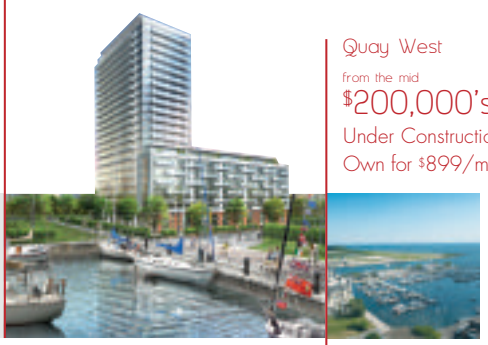

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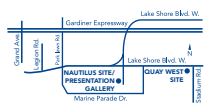

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À la carte

Barb Holland
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• There are countless varieties of apples harvested from August to November. Match the variety's cooking qualities with your purpose. Firm apples that keep their shape are good for pies. Apples that cook down easily are ideal for applesauce.

Apple Ginger Puddng With Lemon Sauce

Here's a dessert that "bakes" in less than five minutes. These individual steamed puddings are nice served warm; however, they can be made ahead. A quick reheat in the microwave will warm them up. Makes six servings.

INGREDIENTS:

Pudding:

• 1/4 cup (60 ml) canola oil + greasing cups
• 1/2 cup (125 ml) dark brown sugar
• 2 tbsp (30 ml) molasses
• 1 egg
• 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) grated, peeled apple (about 2 medium apples)
• 1 cup (250 ml) all-purpose flour
• 1 tsp (5 ml) ground ginger
• 1/2 tsp (2 ml) baking soda
• 1/2 tsp (2 ml) cinnamon
• 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
• 2 tbsp (30 ml) minced candied ginger (2 slices)

Lemon sauce:

• 1/2 cup (125 ml) sugar
• 2 tbsp (30 ml) cornstarch
• 1-1/4 cups (300 ml) milk
• 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
• 1 lemon, finely grated peel and juice
• 1/4 tsp (1 ml) vanilla

METHOD:

Brush six 3/4-cup (175 ml) ramekins or custard cups with oil.

Combine 1/4 cup (60 ml) oil, brown sugar, molasses and egg until well blended. Stir in apple.

In large bowl, stir together flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir in candied ginger. Stir liquid mixture into dry mixture until evenly combined; spoon batter evenly into ramekins or cups.

Arrange ramekins in a circle in microwave oven. Microwave uncovered on high for three to five minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes. To serve, turn out onto plates and serve with warm lemon sauce.

For the sauce, in a four-cup (1 L) glass measure, whisk sugar and cornstarch together. Whisk in milk until smooth. Microwave uncovered on high for three to five minutes or until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Whisk at least once during cooking. Stir in butter until melted, then lemon juice, peel and vanilla. Makes about 1-1/2 cups (375 ml).

Tips:

• Pick of the crop: Look for firm apples, free of wrinkles and bruises. Remove any fruits that are overripe or have soft spots as they give off ethylene gas that causes nearby apples to ripen too quickly and spoil. Trim and use for pies or applesauce.
• Good for you: Apples are a good source of dietary fibre (be sure to eat the skin) and vitamin C. Wash well before eating.

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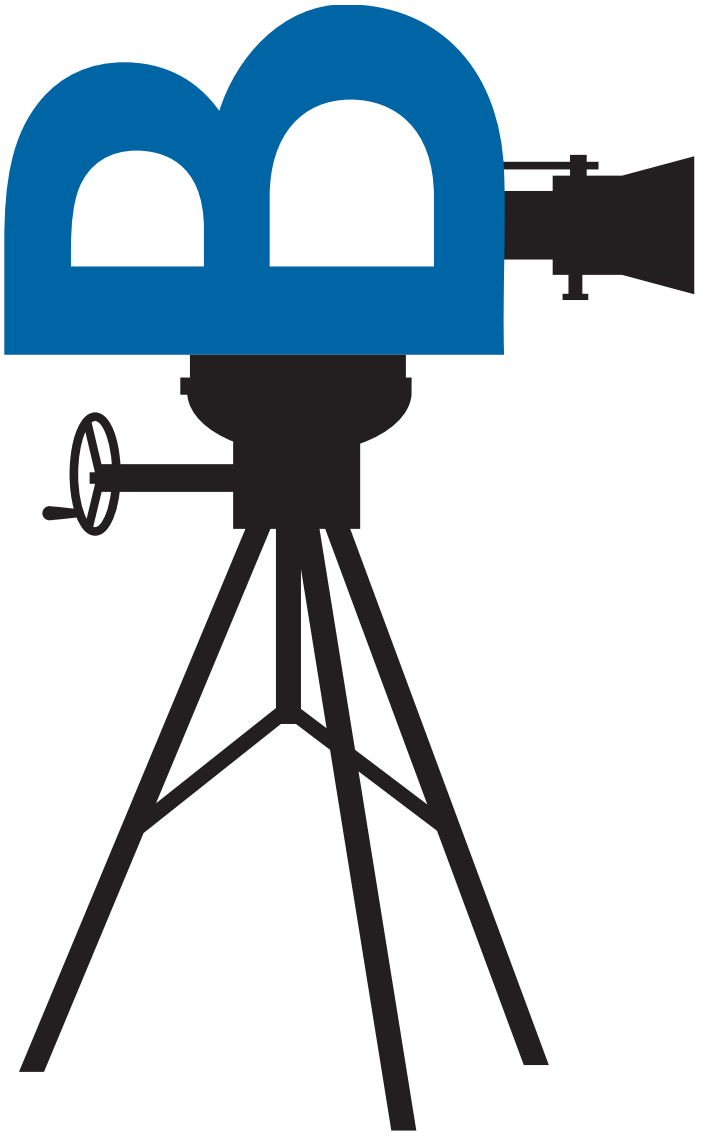

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Pride and Glory keeps cop drama relevant

Edward Norton leads all-star cast in Gavin O'Connor's tale of corruption

STEVE GOW
For Metro Toronto

Colin Farrell, left, and Ed Norton star in the gritty cop drama Pride and Glory.

The cop drama is nothing new. Movies showing The Men in Blue doing bad things has been a fixture in cinema from the beginning.

So, what makes Edward Norton's TIFF drama Pride and Glory any different?

"I asked the same question (to director Gavin O'Connor)," says Norton during an interview at the Four Seasons Hotel.

"What does this have in it that makes it more than anything than just a cop drama? Because there are a lot of those, and he was very astute in saying — over the time that we talked about it — he said, 'Look, I think our country is going through this crucible of confronting when it is right to speak truth to power. And how do people confront the moment when they realize the institutions set up to protect us are, in fact, the ones betraying the principles they're supposed to defend?'"

It's an issue that should be questioned more in today's climate.

With crooked institutions, untrustworthy politicians and dirty business consistently making headlines in the news, Pride and Glory is as pertinent as any cop drama ever was.

In the film, Norton, Colin Farrell, Jon Voight and Noah Emmerich (Little Children) star as a multigenerational police family who get caught up in a corruption scandal. As lead investigator of a tragic police homicide, Norton soon discovers his own family could be responsible.

"The danger of institutions is that they begin to serve their own purpose," says Norton, pointing out that the patriarch and police chief (Voight) advises his son to cover up the evidence. He believes more in (the institution), than he believes in it as a servant of something else, and that idea is an interesting (concept)."

Coming from director O'Connor, who co-wrote the story with his brother Gregory, it's also an authentic concept. The siblings were sons of a cop, so they knew just how to tell this story. In fact, as much as Pride and Glory is a story of corruption, it is a hopeful tale of loyalty and family.

"I definitely think that Gavin's family history and his intimacy with the police and the dynamics, they were very meaningful to him and his brother," says Norton. "I think he really felt an intensity to create a feeling of authenticity, and I admired that."

Pride and Glory:

Gritty and dark, but occasionally lacking some of the gravitas it purports to have, Pride and Glory works well enough as an examination of corruption, morality and honour. Led by solid performances by Ed Norton and Colin Farrell, the film provides some decent intrigue but at times feels contrived. Although with plenty of blood and F-words to go around, it's not enough to sink it.

— Raf Brusilow

Davies: 'Farewell to Liverpool'

STEVE VEALE
For Metro Toronto

Terence Davies looks cheerful and relaxed, blue eyes twinkling as he pours a cup of tea in the Hotel Intercontinental dining room while discussing Of Time and the City.

"It's really my farewell to Liverpool, because it is no longer the same place where I grew up," he says about his birthplace.

"(The modern) Liverpool was built with the best intentions," he continued, "but, oh, what a betrayal." According to the director, the transition to "provincial chic" has transformed the basic working class people who live there with its unseemly haste to bulldoze and forget the past.

Davies' "movie" is a collection of old film footage from newsreels, home movies and likely promotional blurbs as it captures the *real* Liverpool long before the Beatles made the city a household name internationally. He has chosen music, poetry, literature and his own dialogue as a narration for this valentine to the city of his childhood. Narration, by the way, is very slyly and subversively funny.

Being gay, he grew up as an outcast and a "criminal," since it was illegal to be homosexual at this time in Britain.

"Oh there is no doubt that being gay has ruined my life," he says. "As a young (Catholic) boy, I prayed literally until my knees bled for God to make me a good person."

His sexual orientation has shaped his life and sharpened his artistic senses.

This is not to say Davies' films are gay-themed. Yes, gay moviegoers all over the world have embraced them, but they can also be appreciated by anyone who grew up "just a little bit different than everyone else" and those who dislike the dismantling of the past to pave the way for a newer but not necessarily better future.

STEVE VEALE/FOR METRO TORONTO

Terence Davies

Davies will start his next film when he returns to England. "It's a love story involving a menage a trois relationship," says the author," and one of the characters is bisexual."

With a glint in his eye he asks: "Do you know the definition of a bisexual? It's someone who doesn't know which way to turn," he chuckles easily.

The title, with a tip of the hat to Noel Coward: Mad About the Boy.

Of Time and the City:

Terence Davies returns to action after an eight-year hiatus with Of Time and the City, in which the master filmmaker meditates on his hometown of Liverpool. That the Beatles are only referred to in passing (and not in a complimentary way) suggests that this is a very personal sort of civic history. Constructed largely out of archival footage, with a soundtrack split between great, glorious swaths of classical music and the director's own bone-dry voiceover, the film is enjoyable but not quite as exhilarating as its Cannes buzz might suggest.

— Adam Nayman

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Still Walking a poignant look at families

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REVIEW A family gathers to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the accidental death of the patriarch's favourite son. As they dine and share their memories, they also stir up unresolved conflicts, buried resentments and dashed expectations.

Still Walking beautifully illustrates how rituals might define the meaning of family, but they can't resolve differences within it.

Director Hirokazu Kore-eda (Nobody Knows) examines with delicate and bittersweet poignancy the intergenerational issues that both divide and bond families.

Kevin Courrier/For Metro Toronto

The Brothers Bloom

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REVIEW Anyone who saw 2005's fantastic indie film Brick knows that filmmaker Rian Johnson can take an entirely inconceivable premise and turn it into something very cool.

In The Brothers Bloom, he does it again making a funny, suspenseful and tender movie about two con-artist siblings coming to terms with a lifetime of foster homes, stunningly elaborate cons and the void caused by living a "written life." With stellar performances and a keen visual storytelling sense courtesy of Johnson, this flick is a pure pleasure to witness.

Steve Gow/For Metro Toronto

Michael Pena and Rachel McAdams star in The Lucky Ones.

Me and Orson Welles

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REVIEW The unpredictable Richard Linklater's latest project is a sugary sweet slice of nostalgia. The tween-approved Zac Efron stars as a high schooler with dreams of acting, who unwittingly finds himself appearing in Orson Welles's infamous production of Julius Caesar.

Efron is pretty bland and Claire Danes is wasted, but the movie is really about Orson Welles, and whenever he is on screen the film bursts to life.

Christian McKay plays the infamous thespian/director and his performance is a stunning act of mimicry that perfectly captures the personality of the great artist.

The film itself is slight and fun, but it's elevated to a higher level by a single amazing performance.

Phil Brown/For Metro Toronto

The Lucky Ones

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REVIEW Many of the Iraq War movies of the last few years, good (Redacted) and bad (In the Valley of Elah), have been angry, anti-war polemics.

The Lucky Ones deals with troops coming home in a more conventional, life-affirming manner. Tim Robbins, Rachel McAdams and Michael Pena are wounded soldiers returning to heal physical – and emotional – wounds.

As they travel the countryside, from St. Louis to Las Vegas, director Neil Burger (The Illusionist) sets them on the road to recovery with highly predictable results.

Kevin Courrier/For Metro Toronto

Les Plages d'Agnes

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REVIEW In recent years, director Agnes Varda (Le Bonheur, Vagabond) has turned away from making compelling dramatic features into creating fascinating documentary essays about issues that interest her (The Gleaners & I).

In Les Plages d'Agnes (The Beaches of Agnes), though, she turns the lens on her own life. Even at the age of 80, Varda demonstrates a youthful and innovative approach in examining the effects of time and memory on both her work and her thoughts about the people she's loved.

Les Plages d'Agnes is a personal picture postcard about the passion of art and the pain of loss.

Kevin Courrier/For Metro Toronto

35 Rhums

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REVIEW Director Claire Denis' films draw on mood and atmosphere rather than conventional storytelling. Sometimes the lyricism in her work is entrancing (Vendredi Soir), while in others, the experience becomes so opaque and languid (The Intruder) that you get lost in narrative riddles.

35 Rhums (35 Shots of Rum) falls somewhere in between. The picture mostly explores the loving relationship between a father and daughter where mutual devotion has put their life on hold.

When certain events shake that bond, they're forced to confront unfinished business in their past. Denis sketches in the personalities of the people so suggestively that before long you may feel your patience being put on hold.

Kevin Courrier/For Metro Toronto

Religulous director delivers 'rollercoaster ride'

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GETTY IMAGES

Religulous director Larry Charles also directed Borat.

While comedian and TV talk-show host Bill Maher is the public face of Religulous, the man who brought you Borat was in the director's chair for what might be the most controversial film to come out this election year, which requires some work.

After the success of Borat, Larry Charles was looking for a new project, and heard that Maher needed someone to help him give it shape. So the director headed out with Maher, a tiny crew and a smaller budget to get in the face of believers everywhere, from a man who plays Christ at a Holy Land theme park in Florida to a British rapper preaching jihad to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

"The conceit of the film was can you create a Saturday night date movie about a taboo subject," Charles recalled. "That's a very important kind of concept to me; if they've seen Dark Knight or Tropic Thunder and they want to see a funny movie — you want to laugh? You want to be provoked? You want to have dialogue, you want to interact with a movie, you want a rollercoaster ride?

"See this movie — this is a movie that will deliver on all those levels."

That rollercoaster ride had its limitations, of course. In the end, Charles had 400 hours of raw footage, a 14-hour rough cut and a film that will probably get criticized as much for what it leaves out as what it puts in.

"I could work on this movie for the rest of my life — I could make Religulous 42. I would be happy. In fact, I have a 14-hour cut, and I've gone to Lion's Gate and said I could cut that 14-hour cut in half hours and we could make it into a TV series. We dealt with a lot of other stuff, but choices were made for the movie.

"Every one of these religions is a movie unto itself. Mormonism, Judaism, Scientology, Christianity — you could focus a whole movie, and I have a whole movie's worth of material. I could make this movie forever …

"I wanted to deal with Buddhists and Hindus, but there was a very small budget and very little time, and to fly to India would have been — even to do the tutorial that would have been required to get people up to speed on how Buddhism and Hinduism would have worked would have been a separate movie — and it's a movie, again, that I'd be very interested in making.

"That would be Religulous 2."

Mills wins Pitch This! for Don't Talk to Irene

STEVE VEALE
For Metro Toronto

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Pat Mills with his prize.

And the winner of the $10,000 annual Pitch This! prize from Telefilm Canada is — drum roll — a little seven-year-old girl named Irene!

She's a rather strange little girl who never removes her pink bike helmet. No one speaks to Irene because, well, they are afraid they will die.

You see, it all started when … Actually it is much funnier (hysterically so) when explained by Irene's creator Pat Mills, the actual winner of the large cheque, who had the packed house in stitches with his six-minute fantasy about Irene, the heroine of his proposed film, Don't Talk to Irene.

About 250 members of the film community flocked to the Telefilm Canada TIFF presentation. Six finalists were chosen from a field of 65 entrants. Each team was given six minutes to pitch an idea for a feature film.

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VALENTINE DE LANDRO ILLUSTRATION

1. Alliance Atlantis Cumberland Cinemas
159 Cumberland Avenue
2. Cineplex Odeon Varsity Cinemas
Manulife Centre
55 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor
3. Isabel Bader Theatre, University of Toronto
Victoria College
93 Charles Street West
4. Industry Box Office
Sutton Place Hotel
955 Bay Street, 2nd floor, Amsterdam Room
5. Ryerson Theatre
Ryerson University, 43 Gerrard Street East
6. AMC Theatres – Yonge & Dundas 24
10 Dundas Street East
7. Festival Box Office at Toronto Life Square
Toronto Life Square
10 Dundas Street East, 3rd floor
8. Jackman Hall
Art Gallery of Ontario
317 Dundas Street West
9. VISA Screening Room & Winter Garden Theatre
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre
189 Yonge Street
10. Cineplex Odeon Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond Street West
11. Roy Thomson Hall (RTH)
60 Simcoe Street

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Public Enemy Number One (Part 1) (L'Instinct de Mort - Formerly Mesrine) 6:30 PM

Who Do You Love 9:30 PM

RYERSON THEATRE
Ryerson University
43 Gerrard St. E.

Eden Log 11:59 PM

Fifty Dead Men Walking 9 AM

Lymelife 3 PM

Me and Orson Welles 9 PM

The Brothers Bloom 12 PM

Un Barrage Contre le Pacifique (The Sea Wall) 5:30 PM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE 1
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

A Perfect Day (Un Giorno perfetto) 3:45 PM

Cloud 9 (Wolke 9) 6:45 PM

Flash of Genius 9:45 PM

Gomorrah (Gomorra) 9 AM

Synecdoche, New York 12:15 PM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE 2
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

35 Rhums (35 Shots of Rum) 9:15 AM

A Woman in Berlin (Anonyma – Eine Frau in Berlin) 12 PM

Gigantic 3:15 PM

Parc 6 PM

Sauna 9:15 AM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE 3
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Aide-toi le ciel t'aidera (With a Little Help From Myself) 11:45 AM

Dernier Maquis (Adhen) 9 AM

Down to the Dirt 3 PM

Il Divo 9 PM

Restless 6:15 PM

SCOTIABANK THEATRE 4
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Hooked (Pescuit Sportiv) 9:45 AM

In the Shadow of the Naga 9:30 PM

Last Stop 174 (Ultima Parada 174) 6:30 PM

The Burrowers 3:30 PM

Winds of September (Jiu Jiang Feng) 12:30 PM

WINTER GARDEN THEATRE
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre
189 Yonge St.

Is There Anybody There? 8 PM

JACKMAN HALL
Art Gallery of Ontario,
317 Dundas St. W.

Salamandra 10 PM

Sam and Me 7 PM

ISABEL BADER THEATRE
University of Toronto, Victoria College
93 Charles St. W.

Katia's Sister (Het Zusje van Katia) 4:45 PM

Still Walking 10:15 PM

Tokyo Sonata 7:15 PM

VARSITY 2
Manulife Centre, 55 Bloor St. W.,
2nd floor, 416-961-6304

Firaaq 8:15 PM

VARSITY 3
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Acné 5 PM

Goodbye Solo 7:45 PM

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Sounds Like Teen Spirit: A Popumentary 2:15 PM

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Citizen Juling (Polamuang Juling) 4 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 2
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

24 City (Er Shi Si Cheng Ji) 6:15 PM

Daytime Drinking (Not Sool) 9:15 PM

Toronto Stories 3:30 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 3
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

Je Veux Voir (I Want to See) 2 PM

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YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 4
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

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Unmistaken Child (Ha-Gilgul) 5:45 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 5
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

Revanche 8:45 PM

Unmistaken Child (Ha-Gilgul) 5:45 PM

When Life was Good 2 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 6
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

Killing Kasztner 2:45 PM

The Heart of Jenin (Das Herz von Jenin) 9:30 PM

Uncertainty 6:30 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 7
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

Maman est chez le coiffeur (Mommy Is at the Hairdresser's) 3:15 PM

Nuit de Chien (Tonight) 6 PM

Ocean Flame 9 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 9
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

Knitting (Niu Lang Zhi Nu) 9 PM

Under Rich Earth (Bajo Suelos Ricos) 2:45 PM

YONGE & DUNDAS 24 AMC THEATRE 10
10 Dundas St. E., 416-977-2642

Les Plages d'Agnès (The Beaches of Agnès) 6:15 PM

The Dungeon Masters 3:15 PM

VISA SCREENING ROOM
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre
189 Yonge St., 416-314-2901

Che (Part 1) 2:30 PM

Empty Nest (El Nido Vacio) 6 PM

Inju, la bête dans l'ombre (Inju, the Beast in The Shadow) 9 PM

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24 City examines upheaval

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REVIEW Jia Zhangke is China's most elegantly contentious filmmaker, and 24 City is perhaps his subtlest provocation yet. The film examines a half-century's worth of social and industrial upheaval through intimate interviews with the people who lived it, but sharp-eyed viewers will catch a few well-known Chinese actors giving testimony alongside factory employees. This blurring of the doc/narrative line expresses the difficulty of definitively putting history onscreen — a gesture that speaks both to Jia's audacity and his humility.

Adam Nayman/for Metro Toronto

Che: Part 1

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REVIEW Split into two films after a mixed reception at Cannes, the first part of Steven Soderbergh's epic bio-pic of Che Guevara is the movie audiences would expect. The film is about the revolutionary's triumphant victory in Cuba told in the hyper-realist aesthetic that the director first employed in Traffic.

The movie combines the harsh realities of fighting in the Cuban jungles with a 16mm recreation of Guevara's infamous speech to the UN. It's a powerful ode to the cultural icon with a stunning lead performance by Benicio Del Toro.

Phil Brown/for Metro Toronto

Che: Part 2

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REVIEW This second chapter of Steven Soderbergh's ode to Che Guevara is an indispensable companion piece to the first film. Shot with a more subdued style and colour palette, the movie is about Guevara's failed attempt to spread the revolution throughout Latin America. This film expands on the first with all of Che's best qualities working against him, leading to a tragic downfall in Bolivia. The two chapters should play as one epic 4½-hour whole. But that would be commercial suicide, so audiences will get two theatrical releases instead.

Phil Brown/for Metro Toronto

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- Who Do You Love, 9:30 p.m.

Il Divo

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REVIEW This Italian biopic has a lot of style — enough to earn filmmaker Paolo Sorrentino the Jury Prize at Cannes this year. But unless you're familiar with former Italian prime minister Giulio Andreotti and his accusations of collusion with the mafia, you'll be lost watching this slick-looking drama. An action-packed opening and a stunning performance from Toni Servillo might make it worthwhile.

Steve Gow/for Metro Toronto

Adam Resurrected

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REVIEW There was a time when Paul Schrader was one of the most important filmmakers in America. Adam Resurrected is the latest disappointment by the Taxi Driver scribe, starring Jeff Goldblum as a former clown and holocaust survivor struggling to deal with his past and his sanity. Goldblum delivers a solid performance, but Schrader's direction and use of symbolism are about as subtle as a sledgehammer to the face, and just as enjoyable.

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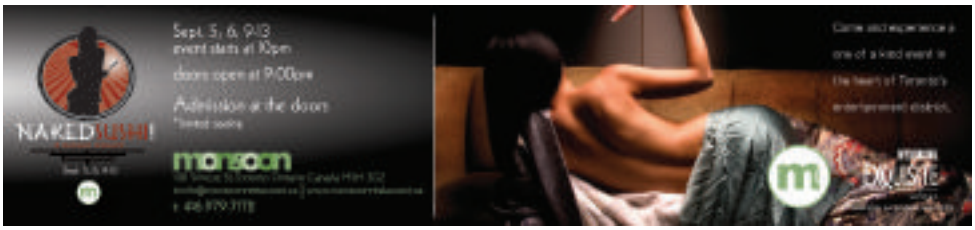

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The stars come out at night

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ABOVE: Paris Hilton walked the red carpet at the Ryerson Theatre for a screening of Paris, Not France. Later, she and boyfriend Benji Madden dropped by the Windsor Arms party.

BELOW: A bearded Adrien Brody, whose film The Brothers Bloom screened at TIFF, left Opus after dining with pals Mark Ruffalo and Ethan Hawke.

ADAM FRISK/HELLO! CANADA

ADAM FRISK/HELLO! CANADA

Iranian actress Shohreh Aghdashloo, whose latest film The Stoning of Soraya M. screened at the festival, attended the Windsor Arms party with her husband, actor Houshang Touzie. Inside, she reunited with her House of Sand and Fog co-star Ben Kingsley.

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JOHN K ENNEDY/HELLO! CANADA

Ethan Hawke dined at Opus before the screening of his film What Doesn't Kill You. The busy actor said he still loves to spend time at his cottage in Nova Scotia.

ADAM FRISK/HELLO! CANADA

Canadian actor Kevin Zegers, who has two films at TIFF (The Narrows and Fifty Dead Men Walking) made a dapper dash into the Windsor Arms bash.

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Blindsided

Don McKellar discovers that he's vulnerable after all.

By **Denis Seguin**
Contributing Writer

In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. But in the land of film, it seems, the writer-actor-director gets the work. Don McKeller, the Toronto hyphenate, put two of those skills — screenwriter and featured actor — to work in the film Blindness. Adapted from the novel by Nobel Prize-winning Portugese author Jose Saramago and directed by Brazilian auteur Fernando Meirelles, the film imagines life in the aftermath of a singular cataclysm: An entire society suddenly goes blind.

What's it like playing blind? "It's really scary," says McKellar. "Every actor in the cast had the same moment, and because I'm the writer, they came to me. 'Don, what do I do?'"

McKellar and his peers realized that they were engaging in a fundamental acting exercise. Playing blind, explains McKellar, "exposes your vulnerability. It's a valuable lesson. It's suprising because sometimes you feel empowered and sometimes it's very intimate."

"Intimate" one can understand. But "empowered"? "It's easier to be physical because you're not looking into people's eyes," explains McKellar. "Sighted people are trained to read eyes, so you have to find other ways to learn how people are communicating with you."

DANCE MASTERS

MSTRKRFT always brings down the house!

As a punk musician, Jesse Keeler knew that something was missing. "I had a secret love for house music!" says the Toronto native. With producer Al Puodziukas, he formed MSTRKRFT (pronounced "mastercraft"). The duo's new album is scheduled to be released in October, and draws from an array of influences, such as rap, dancehall, disco and electro-R&B. "It has a very urban sound," says Keeler. "It's a lot tougher — and with better instrumentation this time!" BRIONY SMITH

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Belted wool cardigan ($195, Jones New York Collection)
Floral full skirt ($165, Jones New York)
Leather and sude T-strap pumps ($140, Poetic Licence)
Wool and mohair cap ($110, Alysi)
CLASSIC
Cotton, silk and nylon turtleneck ($85, AK Anne Klein)
Patent-leather Mary Janes ($125, Sacha Too)
Cropped wool jacket ($70, H&M)
COCKTAIL
Snake-print leather clutch ($375, MICHAEL Michael Kors)
Leather pumps ($95, Portia)
Sleeveless wool and silk top ($195, Nice Connection)

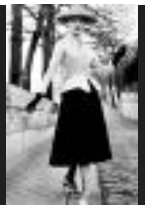
STUDIO ANDRÉ DOYON

EDITORS' PICK

PRECIOUS METAL

Forget vampy black polish; this season, nails are decidedly glam with metallic silver and platinum dressing up digits at Carolina Herrera and John Galliano. But these shades aren't shimmery like seasons past. "The colours are edgier and shinier," says Maria Cristina Bruno, co-owner of Ritual nail bar and Ritual2 spa in Toronto.

HIGH NOTES Christina Aguilera has leveraged her star power to land a spot at the celebrity-packed fragrance counter. Her new scent, Inspire, is a white floral blend featuring notes of gardenia and mango. "Fragrance is a powerful tool to help you feel sexy and confident," she says. If just a spritz will make us feel as successful as Aguilera, sign us up.



FASHION IDENTITY

Instead of unique clothing designs, which used to identify national origin, clothing styles have blurred into a universal sameness. In **Clothing: A Global History** (Polity), **Robert Ross** decodes the history of what we used to wear and explains why most of us have lost our taste for distinctiveness. Political and economic hegemony and distribution systems are a large part of the story, but Ross goes beyond blame and into fascinating detail about gender and cultural differences and explains why some countries have resisted or even reversed the global trend toward uni-style. SANDRA MARTIN

ELLE CANADA

Naomi Watts on why she's fed up with Hollywood—only in ELLE Canada's October issue!

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Style

Annual fall show and sale

Discover emerging talent in clothing and jewelry design as well as shop established local and vintage retailers at the Sept. 26, 27 and 28 Clothing Show. New this year will be a men's section, providing leading designer brands and new labels, and a ECO section featuring re-creations of style that support sustainable living. The show takes place at the Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place. Tickets are $8 online and $10 at the door. Left: Glamjulz design. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Ruffle up your wardrobe

Style File

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ask kim

I love the way Cubans dress. Could you please point me in the right direction as to where can I find clothes or books or even a site on Cuban fashion?
- Troy, Toronto

Check out the book I was Cuba (*iwascuba.com*) for visual inspiration and shop for a guayabera shirt (traditional Cuban shirt) at *theguayaberashirt-store.com.*
E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

ruffles

Ruffle it up this season with blouses and dresses. Ultra feminine frills are back and they are on everything — bags, shoes and underwear. Try these popular looks the next time you're out shopping and keep this tip in mind: smaller chested women should wear ruffles that are concentrated around the chest as it accentuates the chest making it look fuller; and larger chested women should wear ruffles along the collar and bottom hemline to draw the attention away from your chest, making the outfit look balanced.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

Mock Neck Tank
Designer: Vero Moda
Shop: Lushuz

Dress
Designer: Club Monaco
Shop: Club Monaco
Address: Various Locations
clubmonaco.com

Detailed
Designer: Bizz Princess
Shop: Valley of the Dolls

High Waisted
Designer: Banana Republic
Shop: Banana Republic
Address: Various locations
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Blouse
Designer: H&M
Shop: H&M
Address: Various Locations
hm.com

Belted
Designer: Jacob
Shop: Jacob
Address: Various locations
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accessory
Designers collaborate! Revered designer Pierre Hardy has designed a small shoe line for Gap — $168, Jodphur Boot, Available at Gap Eaton Centre, Bloor Street and Yorkdale.

pencil skirt

This fall skirts are tailored and tapered. High-waisted anything is still a really great look so keep your eye out for moderately high-waisted skirts with detailed accents of belts, buttons and stitching. Wear these pencil skirts to the office and dress them up for the evening. Try wearing the skirts with opaque coloured tights to add a little interest to your outfit. And look out for skirts in shimmering colours of champagne and silver.

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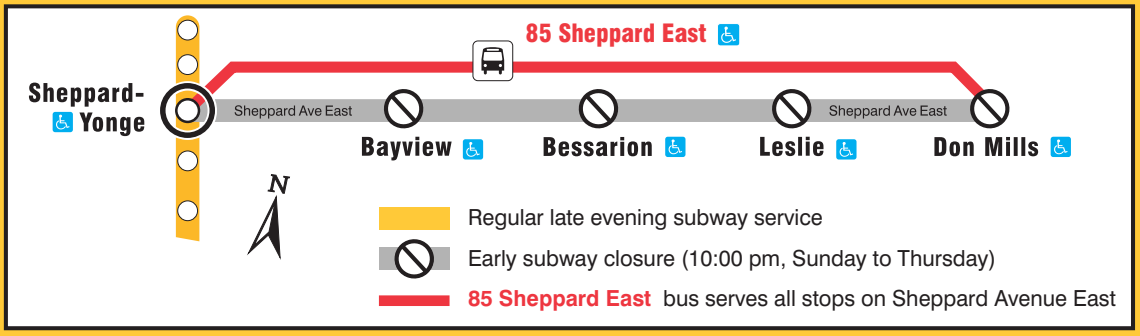

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Increased bus service on 85 Sheppard East will run every 3-5 minutes.

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Canadian design duo in Toronto

DESIGN They're the Canadian design talents who made waves overseas and ascended the ranks on fashion's international stage, but for identical twin brothers Dean and Dan Caten, home remains where the heart is. The design duo behind DSquared2 paid a return visit to their hometown to showcase their fall-winter collection for men and women as part of a Fashion Television special, Dean & Dan: Born in Canada, Made in Italy airing Saturday on CTV at 7 p.m. ET.

Prior to the runway event at CTV's Queen Street headquarters, the Catens arrived on the red carpet in matching plaid collared white shirts, skinny black ties and black blazers paired with dark wash denim jeans.

Dan said the enthusiastic reception they have received since returning home has left them with a "major warm feeling."

"I think the thing (that's) really beautiful about being Canadian is that you'll feel support from our country," he said. "Even people that aren't into fashion, were kind of rooting for us just because we're Canadian."

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Hartnett sues U.K. newspaper

Actor Josh Hartnett is suing a British newspaper which claimed he was caught on camera enjoying a "sexual dalliance" with an unknown female in a London hotel room. He is seeking an apology and damages from the Daily Mirror. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Paris to duet?

Paris Hilton has announced she is keen to team up with Britney Spears for a duet. The socialite is currently working on a follow-up to her self-titled 2006 debut album. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Alberta student wins

Tams beats Nova Scotia's MacDonald for Idol crown

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

When Theo Tams tried out for Canadian Idol, he was a nervous, armpit-soaked reality television show hopeful. Today he has a record deal, a national fan base and a shortcut to stardom.

Tams, a 23-year-old University of Lethbridge student from Lethbridge, Alta., could not hold back tears when he learned he beat Port Hood, N.S. carpenter Mitch MacDonald, 22 for the Idol title in the show's sixth season.

The victory was an upset for MacDonald who never placed in the bottom two or three during the show and would have been the first Atlantic Canadian to win the competition.

The winner was decided by a nationwide poll that saw over four million votes cast. Voting followed a toe-to-toe musical battle Monday where the two finalists sang three songs — one of their choice, one of the judge's choice and the single they would release if they were victorious.

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Theo Tams, left, is congratulated by fellow finalist Mitch MacDonald after being crowned the 2008 Canadian Idol winner last night at the John Basset Theatre.

The finalists returned last night, delivering reflective departing performances demonstrating their individual musical styles.

On the live finale, host Ben Mulroney returned with the show's judges Farley Flex, Jake Gold, Sass Jordan and Zack Werner in a two-hour retrospective chock full of live performances and celebrity appearances, punctuated by R&B diva Mariah Carey.

The show's top ten finalists opened with a medley highlighting each contestant, the first of the night's three group performances. After looking back at the season's highs and lows, British Columbia band Hedley, fronted by second season Idol contestant Jacob Hoggard, took to the stage to perform.

New to the program this season was the involvement of Toronto songstress Jully Black as a mentor. She returned to exercise her vocal pipes, followed by a smooth, soulful performance by American singer/songwriter John Legend, who advised the final two in New York prior to their final performances.

Likely the most anticipated performance of the night was the Canadian television debut of Grammy Award winner Mariah Carey. Donning a black sequined dress, a reserved Carey performed two songs against a frosted monogrammed panel to excited applause.

Tams joins past victors Ryan Malcolm, Kalan Porter, Melissa O'Neil, Eva Avila and most recently Brian Melo, who also sang at the finale and offered words of advice.

Multiple past Idol winners have charted number one singles and garnered Juno Award nominations following their Idol run.

Lee heads film festival

MOVIES Spike Lee is again heading the jury of the Babelgum Online Film Festival. Last year's inaugural edition of the Internet festival received 1,000 entries from 86 countries. Babelgum is now accepting uploads of independent short and medium-length films through the end of the year. The winners will be announced early next year. Viewers will select the Top 10 in each of four categories. From those, Lee will choose a winner in each category for the $28,400 Spike Lee Award.

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Spike Lee

In brief

LAWSUIT A judge has tossed out lawsuits brought by a driving instructor and two etiquette teachers who said the makers of the movie Borat deceived them, noting all three accepted money and signed agreements releasing the filmmakers from liability. In the film Sacha Baron Cohen plays an uncouth, anti-Semitic journalist. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Kardinal **Offishall**

Album: Not 4 Sale
Label: Kon Live/Universal
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

BY NOW TORONTONIANS have come to expect a lot from Kardinal Offishall — since his debut in 1997 he's consistently released solid, socially conscious rap. On his fourth album Kardi sticks to what he does best – creating witty, thought-provoking rhymes and dance-ready beats. Bolstered by his relationship with Akon's record label, the Canuck wordsmith has loaded this disc with some of urban music's biggest names. Estelle, T-Pain and Akon all make appearances here, with Rihanna's contribution on Numba 1 (Tide Is High) as the best of the bunch.

Bryan Borzykowski

On the web

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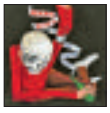
Okkervil **River**

Album: The Stand Ins
Label: Jagjaguwar/Sonic Unyon
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕



COMBINING SMART INDIE rock with alt-country grit, this Austin, Texas, act caught a lot of buzz last year with The Stage Names. Fans of that album will be happy to know Okkervil River's latest was recorded during those same sessions. The Stand Ins, however, contains less steel guitar and more indie ambition, which may leave some wondering what this band really is (Stage Names or Stand-Ins). Okkervil's true identity lies in the visions of Michael Sheff, a brilliant craftsman with an off-kilter voice and a remarkable ability to bring dime-novel characters to life through song.

Graham Rockingham

Chad **VanGaalen**

Album: Soft Airplane
Label: Flemish Eye
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

SINCE CHAD VANGAALEN released his debut in 2005 people haven't stopped talking about this Calgary-based wunderkind. But while the singer-songwriter's first two albums were good, he hasn't released his masterpiece yet. Soft Airplane isn't it, but the record is easily VanGaalen's best to date. He's finally abandoned the bizarre tracks that made his first two releases uneven, meaning this disc is all fantastic indie pop. But like his last efforts he doesn't shy away from odd noises and complex arrangements — he just uses them better here.

Bryan Borzykowski

Album**Reviews**

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Saint **Alvia**

Album: Between The Lines
Label: Stomp
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

ONE OF THE delights of the 2008 Junos was watching these six rounders from Burlington get nominated for rock album of the year. They didn't win, but that brief glimmer of recognition ensured they'd be back. They rebounded fast with a 13-song multi-headed beast filled with sin, degradation, true-hearted rock 'n' roll, left-wing conspiracy theories, late '70s Madness and Joe Strummer redemption. The band has stripped the words "The" and "Cartel" from its name, but basically this is the same Saint Alvia, music to be saved for the last swig in the bottle.

Graham Rockingham

Gym Class **Heroes**

Album: The Quilt
Label: FueledByRamen/Decaydence/Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

SCORING DARYL HALL of Hall & Oates fame for a duet on this fourth outing highlights all that is kitschy-in-a-feel-good-way about the upstate New York crew. Their liaising of hip hop with pop and rock (think OutKast lite) make for some ear-pleasing, head-bobbing tuneage — helped by Travis McCoy and pals' oft-witty lyrics and guests as varied as Hall and Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump. Their rhymes this time around might not necessarily be earth-shattering or overly memorable, but they won't make you cringe.

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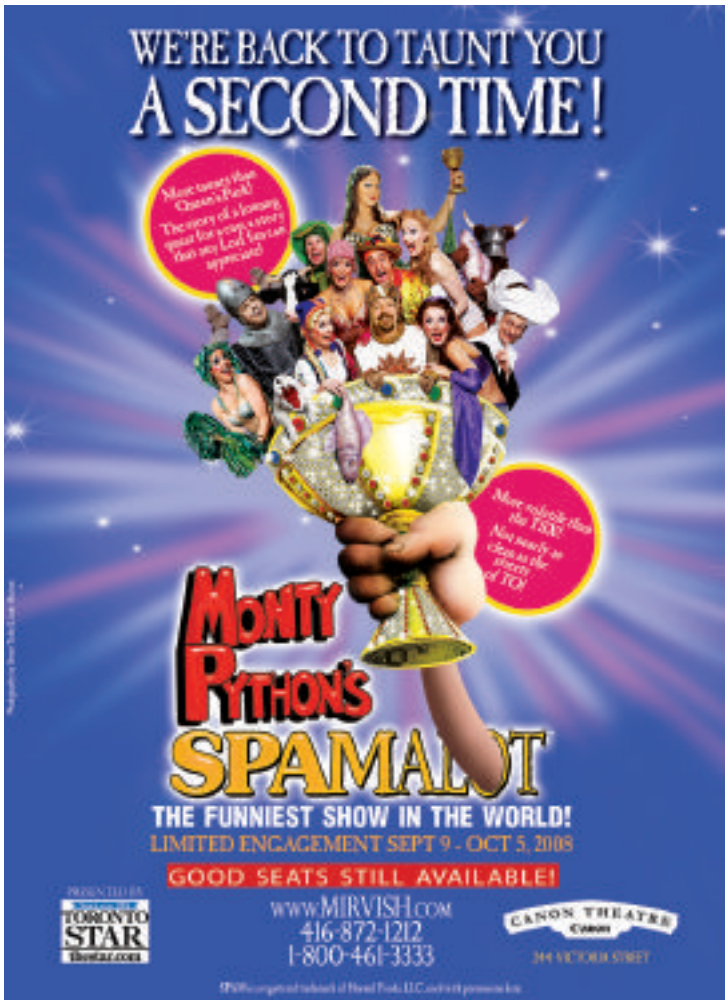

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Kudos for Dench
Actress Dame Judi Dench is to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 21st European Film Awards on Dec. 6 in Copenhagen, Denmark. ANANOVA.COM

Film follows museum makeover

IntelleVision

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CRYSTAL CLEAR: The new addition to Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum was intermittently a lightning rod for concern and outrage during the six years it took to build, and tonight the CBC takes us along for a look back, with the debut of The Museum, a two-part documentary made with remarkable access to the backstage intrigues behind the whole drama.

There are two men at the heart of the story director Kenton Vaughan tells, and only one of them is "starchitect" Daniel Libeskind, the author of the Michael A. Lee-Chin crystal, an audacious and attention-grabbing explosion of angles that erupts from the side of the stately old ROM building like a sci-fi movie set. The other is museum director William Thorsell, the onetime editor-in-chief of the Globe & Mail, and the motivating force behind the Crystal.

The first hour of The Museum (the second half will air next Thursday) rewinds from the splashy opening of the new Crystal back to the turn of the millennium, when the ROM was a mostly moribund cultural institution, beloved but unvisited, full of tatty exhibits left over from the theme-park era of museum design.

Thorsell, the first ROM director without a museum background, is called in to revive the place, and he tells the trustees that the first and best option is a wild, attention-grabbing piece of architecture like Frank Gehry's Bilbao Guggenheim — conventional wisdom that was overwhelming Toronto, as almost every one of the ROM's institutional peers was demanding and getting a splashy renovation or redesign.

In front of Vaughan's cameras, the two men form a mutual admiration society, though Thorsell seems to do most of the work, though Thorsell does nothing to dispel the idea — suggested by the CBC doc and most other coverage of the Crystal's birth — that the building is really his testament, his taste and worldview made concrete (and steel and aluminum but ultimately little of the glass Torontonians were initially led to expect from early models.)

Their enthusiasm for the project sustains them through the crises they'd encounter over the years, from the discovery that the initial plan contained insufficient steel to hold itself up, to the public outcry that scuttled the condo project Thorsell was relying on to cover funding shortfalls.

Vaughan has said he tried to keep an objective tone, so your reaction to The Museum will likely hinge on how you feel about Libeskind's building, which hasn't attracted near the numbers the ROM was relying on since opening last year. The museum's staff seems less than enthusiastic, complaining about the unworkable space, and Thorsell's disregard of their counsel on the effects of light on delicate artifacts. At times, the two men come across like caricatures of aesthetes, gushing over visual sensations, complimenting each other on their clothes and generally suggesting a skit that might have been performed by Dana Carvey and Mike Meyers in their distant prime.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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		305	612	306	PIX	*Wild Wild West* ★ (1999, Action) Will Smith, Kevin Kline.				*Night Falls on Manhattan* ★★★ (1997, Crime Drama)				*Wall of Noise*

critics' corner

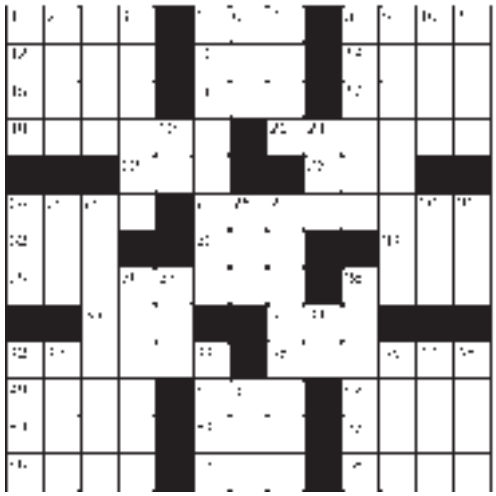
Wild Wild West
Will Smith is funny, Salma Hayek is hot, but this misguided effort to bring the cheeky classic TV Western to the big screen will leave you cold. Smith never quite gets into the character of gunslinger Jim West, who teams up with a U.S. marshal (Kevin Kline) to take down an angry Confederate veteran (Kenneth Branagh) who wants to overthrow the government. And the cool gadgets and special effects aren't enough to save the would-be blockbuster from its weak script. Robert Conrad, where are you? 11:30 AM on PIX

Ugly Betty
Still missing Henry (Christopher Gorham), Betty (America Ferrera) fights her attraction to Gio (Freddy Rodriguez); Hilda (Ana Ortiz) tries to get Coach Diaz (Eddie Cibrian) to notice her; Amanda (Becki Newton) agrees to do a reality show with her father, rock legend Gene Simmons; Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams) makes a triumphant return to Mode. 8 PM on ABC CITY

Lost star lost again

Lost alum Harold Perrineau will play a captive once again in the new thriller Killing Jar. The movie, in which Perrineau plays a salesman, centres on an armed man who takes seven people hostage at a diner. TVGUIDE.COM

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Basilica section
2 Consider
3 Uninteresting
4 Long-necked lutes
5 Soldier's footwear
6 Carte lead-in
7 Mogul Griffin
8 Kin of "aloha"
9 Tepid
10 Settled down
11 Prohibits
19 Smallest st.
21 Blood-group letters
24 Vacationing
25 Lawyers' org.
26 Man-powered transport
28 Calendar abbr.
29 Annie's song?
30 Pinch
31 ABBA song
36 Traffic problems
37 Make up your mind
38 The monk in "The Da Vinci Code" was one
41 Lindbergh book
42 Downy neckwear
43 Relaxation
44 Dance lesson
46 — -friendly
47 Berg portion
48 Marshy areas
51 Time of your life?

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Crossword across

1 Uses an abacus
5 Predicament
8 Thick chunk
12 Gilpin of "Frasier"
13 Hearty brew
14 Story-telling dance
15 Membership
16 Subway component
17 Related
18 Start a journey
20 Parking lot attendants
22 Eve, originally
23 Acknowledge applause
24 Galley supply
27 Comfy footstools
32 Justice Dept. div.
33 "So that's it, eh?"
34 "Flying Down to —"
35 Jack-of-all-trades
38 Increases the volume
39 Half-ton measure
40 Pussycat's partner
42 Assails
45 Snub
49 Kamehameha locale
50 Pitch
52 49-Across, e.g.
53 Memo acronym
54 Swelled head
55 Night light
56 Stitches
57 Church seat
58 Mined-over matter

previous day's answer

Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A romantic prospect appears on the scene. You're set to improve the quality of your life. A more positive attitude comes out of the blue.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone you'll be glad to hear from will find you. Everyone is whining that they don't feel well. Whimpering will do no good.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Neglect of safety precautions causes an accident. Carry a first-aid kit, just in case. Withdraw from a challenge at work.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A former enemy causes disruption of your work. Courage is needed to overcome obstacles. Don't be bullied by co-workers.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You can co-operate in a divisive presentation. A rift in a friendship can lead to the loss of opportunities. Be polite but stick to your own standards.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get confidential information. Expect a sudden series of surprising events. If friends advise caution, you must pay attention.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Unexpected good news shatters your complacency. A contact leads to an improvement in your lifestyle. Try to take the afternoon off work.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may feel a bit under the weather. You are stressed by transit and environmental problems. Others feel intimidated by you today.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
An admission of appreciation brightens the day. Friends are in an agreeable mood. A conversation will create comedy chaos.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
An issue is resolved to everyone's satisfaction. You can count on people to be unusually co-operative. Take it easy for a few days.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Changes are coming at work. You're the best person for a job. Treat yourself to a fabulous fantasy adventure.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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Under 13 min . . . . . Genius
13-17 min . . . . . Scholar
17-21 min . . . . . Smart
21-25 min . . . . . Not bad
25+ min . . . . Keep practising

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Toronto weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy. 21°	Partly cloudy. 15°	70% Rain. 23°/ 18°	80% Rain. 23°/ 19°	70% Rain. 21°/ 13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 22.2°
Low: 10.9°

Records
High: 33.9°/1952
Low: 2.5°/1979

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.
Sunset: 7:35 p.m.
Moonset: 2:32 a.m.
Moonrise: 5:52 p.m.

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Watson mulls U.S. university
Harry Potter star Emma Watson is considering moving to America to study at university. "If I do go there I will do a liberal arts degree, but if I stay in the U.K. I'll do English literature," she said. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Liv struggles with breakup

RELATIONSHIPS Liv Tyler is opening up about the breakup of her marriage — a painful experience that she is still struggling to come to terms with, People.com reports.

"For the first time in my life, it's so much harder for me to get up and brush (off) my knees," the actress tells U.K.'s Harper's Bazaar in its October issue.

"I am feeling the pain and the loss of everything," she says about her split last spring with her husband, musician Royston Langdon.

Coming to terms with the end of her five-year marriage has not been easy for Tyler, despite her seemingly serene nature.

"I don't feel calm and collected. I feel neurotic, like Woody Allen," says Tyler, 31. "I'm a Cancer and sometimes I just feel like a crab without a shell."

Tyler, who lives in New York City with the couple's three-year-old son Milo, has her own theory when it comes to healing.

"I am trying to just let myself feel it," she says. "I think you have to mourn and you have to feel that pain."

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Naomi starts work at soup kitchen

SENTENCE Naomi Campbell began community service in a soup kitchen on Tuesday, arriving 10 minutes late on her first day, imdb.com reports.

The supermodel arrived at London's Whitechapel Mission centre in a chauffeur-driven limousine. But she was spared from the shelter's more difficult chores, such as cleaning, and was instead made to help with paperwork.

"It's usually pretty gruelling work but not for her. She was friendly enough and said hello but she didn't look too chuffed (excited)," a source tells Britain's Daily Mirror.

Campbell was sentenced to 200 hours of community service after she admitted to spitting at police officers at London's Heathrow Airport in April.

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Arrest astounds Anne

PEOPLE Anne Hathaway "spent a week in shock" after her then-boyfriend Raffaello Follieri was arrested, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who had been dating the businessman for four years, ended the relationship after he was taken into custody on charges of federal wire fraud conspiracy and money laundering. She admits the incident shook her world.

"I spent a week in shock at a friend's house," she told W magazine. "It's a situation where the rug was pulled out from under me all of a sudden."

Yesterday, Follieri pleaded guilty to wire fraud, money laundering and conspiracy. Sentencing was set for Oct. 3.

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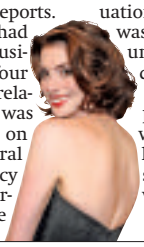

Uma shoots down baby talk

RUMOUR Uma Thurman has been forced to deny she is expecting her first child with fiancé Arki Busson following reports she purchased a bundle of over-sized dresses to prepare for pregnancy, imdb.com reports.

According to New York Daily News reports early this week, the actress' assistant called retailer Fred Segal last week and ordered six dresses two sizes too large for the star.

"She is absolutely not pregnant," a representative for Thurman said. "We are trying to find out if someone used her name to order clothes that were not meant for her.

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Lindsay lauds Downey Jr.

PEOPLE Actress Lindsay Lohan has praised Robert Downey Jr. for conquering his drink and drugs demons, imdb.com reports.

Lohan admires Downey Jr. for recovering from his hard times, and thinks his experiences have helped him attain the Hollywood status he has today.

"He's an amazing actor. Look at people like that who have gone through s–t and had to work that much harder to get to where they are now," she tells Marie Claire magazine.

Referring to her own past, which has seen her arrested over a DUI offence, Lohan adds, "I've learned. I'll never go back. And it's not a never-say-never type thing — it's just, I know. I know."

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Usher, wife to welcome No. 2

FAMILY R&B star Usher and his wife Tameka Foster are expecting their second child together, People.com reports a source close to the singer as saying.

The couple welcomed their first child, Usher Raymond V, in November 2007. Since then, Usher, 29, has spoken publicly about how much he loves being a dad.

"I'm so proud to be a father by the time I'm 30," he told People last month. "I'd hate to be 80 years old and not be able to run with my kids. I need to still be able to do flips when they're in high school!"

A due date has not been announced.

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Pam denies dating Jackson

RUMOUR Pam Anderson is laughing off rumours that she is dating pop star Michael Jackson, usmagazine.com reports.

"He just wants me to be in a video," the actress said on The Ellen DeGeneres Show that aired yesterday, when asked about their recent meeting. "My life is so interesting. My life is a blur."

"So seriously, have you been hanging out with him?" DeGeneres asked.

"It happens ... skin cancer and Vicodin," she replied cryptically. "I don't know ... I have a lot of interesting friends."

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Celebrity Apprentice drops Heather: Report

TELEVISION Sir Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills has reportedly been dropped from the lineup of Donald Trump's hit U.S. reality TV show Celebrity Apprentice, imdb.com reports.

The business tycoon confirmed in June that Mills was bidding for a role on the series, which sees celebrities work under the guidance of mentor Trump.

But producers decided against recruiting the 41-year-old after she allegedly demanded a clause in her contract that guaranteed her a place in the show's final.

The second series of the show is set to begin taping this month and is scheduled for a premiere in January.

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